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Regeneration deal is just days away as town builds a new future

By Marijke Cox

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THE all-important development agreement paving the way for work to start on the transformation of the heart of Sittingbourne is on the brink of being signed.

Final talks will take place over the coming days to cement the partnership between Swale Borough Council and consortium Spirit of Sittingbourne.

Financial appraisals of each phase of the regeneration project have been completed, with a report due to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval of the necessary land transactions.

Cabinet members will discuss progress at a meeting next week.

In its findings, the borough council stated: "Since the last report a number of very detailed discussions and meetings have been held with Spirit of Sit-

tingbourne and the development agreement is at a very advanced stage.

"Subject to member approval, the document can now be signed.

"Discussions have continued with Kent County Council for them to transfer some highways land and their library and Phoenix House sites to us in order to deliver the Spirit of Sittingbourne masterplan."

The council said Network Rail had also agreed to support the significant project and work was being undertaken to issue a licence to construct the public realm and transport hub on its land.

The regeneration is expected to change the face of Sittingbourne, with the development stretching from the High Street, over the railway line and to Milton Creek.

It will include a Morrisons supermarket, a Tesco Extra store, a waterside

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CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

DIAMOND: Communities unite to mark Her Majesty's glorious 60 year reign – **SEE INSIDE**

RETAIL

Portas Pilot bid continues

SHEERNESS has vowed to keep on fighting for a place as one of the towns benefiting from expert advice and investment, after missing out on being named one of the 12 pilot town centres to receive a share in a £1m cash-pot and the advice of the likes of shopping guru Mary Portas. **PAGE 3**

JOBS

Vestas vows to employ locals

WIND turbine giant Vestas has denied claims it will not be offering enough jobs to local people at its planned site on Sheppey. One councillor said an agreement 15 per cent of the 1,600 workforce would come from Swale was not enough. The firm says it hopes to employ more. **PAGE 2**

SPORT

Brickies seek new top ten

SITTINGBOURNE boss Jim Ward says he is looking to draft in ten new players into his depleted squad as he looks to rebuild the Brickies ahead of next season's eagerly anticipated Ryman League campaign. He met the players for the first time this week since taking over last month. **PAGE 47**

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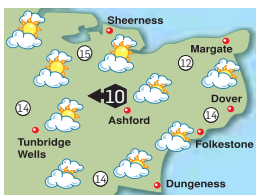
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TODAY: After a dull start with patchy drizzle, it will become dry with sunny spells breaking through. Gentle easterly winds. Max temp 13-16C (55-61F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	09.37	6.3	22.02	6.5
Margate	10.38	4.4	23.06	4.6
St Mary's	03.11	5.2	15.42	5.4

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Max 13C	Min 7C
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REGENERATION

Cabinet set to sign off regeneration deal so work can begin

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park at Sittingbourne Mill, housing and shops.

Consortium Spirit of Sittingbourne, made up of Essential Land, which is developing the mill site, developer Cathedral Group and financial fund manager Altyon LLP, said it will boost the local economy.

Cathedral Group said: "We're

going to build a new station square to transform arrival in the town.

"A new cultural quarter, civic quarter with a library, new public realm throughout the town centre and residential schemes will generate £250m of economic improvement over the next 10 years and will create 1,100 jobs."

Next week's cabinet meeting

and the expected signing of the development agreement marks another exciting step forward.

Concerns have been raised, however, over a delay in discussions with Tesco.

The council blamed this on a delay in the supermarket giant gaining a planning result for the retail park proposals, but stressed this was expected to be resolved shortly.

But while huge strides are being made in the exciting project, for one retailer it may come too late.

A desperate appeal has been made by Andrea Don of Nickel Books, Sittingbourne's only independent children's bookshop, which is currently at risk of closure.

She is appealing to the public to help save the shop.

"Currently, we have a loan that needs to be paid off to the bank. Once that's paid off, we will be more secure in our position, and will have the confidence to know we can continue to serve the people of Sittingbourne. If we can't pay off the loan, we will be forced to shut."

"It will be too late if you wait until the regeneration plan happens."

EMPLOYMENT

Wind turbine firm insists new jobs will go to people from within the community

By Chrissie Daniels

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VESTAS has spoken out against fears that local people will not benefit from jobs created in its planned factory on Sheppey.

Last week, councillors gave the go-ahead to an application put forward by the wind turbine giant.

The plans propose building a wind turbine factory the size of 93 football fields at the Port of Sheerness.

The proposals will now be agreed between the company, councillors and planning officers, before being considered by the Government.

But last week Cllr Stephen Worrall raised fears that the resulting 2,000 new jobs would not go to local people.

The wind turbine manufacturing and installation factory will create the jobs by 2020 – 1,600 at Sheerness Docks and 400 indirect supply chain jobs in Swale and elsewhere.

Vestas and the council agreed to a target of hiring 15 per cent of people from the Swale borough and 50 per cent from Kent in total.

Vestas has this week defended the target, saying they want to employ as many local people as they can.

A Vestas spokesman said: "This is not a binding target, but neither is it a cap. Vestas is fully committed to providing



93 football fields

APPROVED:
The planning application for Vestas' new wind turbine factory at Sheerness is to cover an area the size of 93 football pitches

as many local jobs as possible and would implement an employment and training strategy that would look to exceed that target. Vestas appreciates the work done by the planning committee and the support by the community, and we are happy the planning permission has been approved."

The council was also quick to defend the position, insisting it will do all it can to ensure jobs go to local people.

A council spokeswoman said: "Councillors and officers are going to work with the Port of Sheerness and Vestas in order to maximise the targets for local employment."

"It is not a case of jobs being given to people 'not from the area' – as is normally the case, all jobs would need to be advertised and local people would be able to apply."

The council said the turbines will give

a boost to Sheppey's economy and enhance its image.

She said: "If built, the development will give a substantial economic boost to the Isle of Sheppey and indeed Swale as a whole. As well as the creation of a significant number of jobs, the scheme has the potential to enhance the image and reputation of the borough and boost the sense of pride and aspiration of communities."

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THANKS: Norman with staff

PETS

Abandoned dog loses eye, but has lot to be thankful for

A LOST Jack Russell underwent surgery to remove an eye after council chiefs and a local vets united to come to the abandoned pet's aid.

The dog, named Norman, was found walking the streets of Sittingbourne alone on May 25. He was taken to Castle Road

surgery Sitti Vets as he was suffering from a serious eye injury requiring immediate attention and Swale Borough Council contacted.

However, while the council has a duty to offer immediate treatment to alleviate suffering for stray dogs, if the cost of treatment exceeds a

reasonable level, this could mean having the dog put to sleep.

But the vets took pity on the animal and agreed to cover the cost of the surgery – if the council could pick up the tab for the medication.

Norman is now on the road to recovery

REGENERATION

Failure to win cash from 'Portas Pilot' bid won't deter town centre team

By Chrissie Daniels

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SHEERNESS chiefs say they are determined to push ahead with their plans to be part of a pilot project to breathe new life into the town, despite missing out on being one of the first towns to win a share of a £1 million cash-pot.

Spearheaded by retail guru Mary Portas, and dubbed the 'Portas Pilot', 12 towns were named last Saturday from among 370 which had applied.

The dozen selected – which included Dartford and Margate – will receive expert advice on how to revitalise the centre of their communities amid a rise in vacant shops and declining shoppers.

However, due to the scheme's popularity, a second round of the competition has been announced, with a further 12 towns being chosen by the end of July.

The Sheerness team planned to relocate the market into the town centre and reduce the cost of parking on market days.

They wanted vacant shops to create space for new entrepreneurial businesses, as well as creating a 'hub' for the town centre.

The plans also included hosting events and establishing a brand for the town.

Chair of the town team, Pete Giffen of Sheerness fashion store O.S.O.U., said "Obviously we are disappointed that our bid was not successful. Our bid focused on ideas that we felt would benefit the whole town.

"We are still keen to make Sheerness a better place to shop and will be considering options

for the future. We will be looking to see if any elements of the bid will still be able to be delivered without this financial support."

His sentiments were echoed by MP Gordon Henderson, who still wants to see the plans put into place.

He said: "Like the town team, I am disappointed that the bid for Sheerness to be a Portas Pilot was unsuccessful, however, I don't think we should be put off.

"A lot of time and effort was put into putting together the bid and I very much hope that the town team will agree to press ahead regardless. "There is no reason why we cannot work together to put into practice some of the excellent ideas that were included in the bid."

Sheerness will automatically be in the running for the second round of pilots, but the team can sharpen the bid before the end of June to improve its chances.

The team held a meeting after we went to press last night (Thursday), to decide if it needed to make any improvements.

Councillor John Wright, Swale Borough Council's cabinet member for regeneration said: "I am disappointed for the town team in this bid, but hopefully they will press ahead and we will support them in other practical ways to deliver a more vibrant town centre. Only by working together will we succeed together."

Any businesses or community groups who want to support the bid can contact Jill Read at the council on 01795 417592 or email jillread@swale.gov.uk.



RETAIL THERAPY: Shopping guru Mary Portas

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kitchen blaze drama

A WOMAN had to receive oxygen after inhaling smoke when a fire was sparked in the kitchen of her home.

Two fire engines were called out to the house in Crossways, Sittingbourne at around 11.20am on Wednesday.

A small fire in the woman's kitchen had been ignited, leaving the ground floor of her home heavily smoke logged.

The fire was quickly extinguished.

Lifeboats kept busy

SHEERNESS lifeboat crews are bracing themselves for a busy long weekend after a spate of call-outs last week.

Among the emergency calls received by the inshore lifeboat team were to go to the aid of two windsurfers who got in trouble off Minster last Friday. On Saturday four people got stuck in the mud off Hoo, while on Sunday a motorboat had to be towed into Queenborough harbour after it broke down off Grain.

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It currently includes a street-by-street route of the Olympic Torch Relay when it comes to Kent, and visits Faversham, next month.

JUBILEE

Communities preparing to party as borough celebrates Queen's Jubilee

MORE than 20 street parties will take place across the borough over the bank holiday weekend, as communities unite to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Organisers will be keeping their fingers crossed the weather holds as towns and villages become awash with red, white and blue.

There will be events across Sittingbourne, Sheppey and Faversham over the four-day weekend to mark the Queen's 60 years on the throne.

The celebrations will



culminate with the lighting of a Jubilee beacon on Sheerness Jetty on Monday, which will be lit at the same time as other

beacons around the country.

The illumination will take place between 10- 10.30pm. The final beacon will be lit in central London by the Queen.

Among other events will be a community fun day at Queenborough on Sunday, a picnic in the park at Faversham tourist attraction Farming World and a party on the green in Lynsted on Tuesday.

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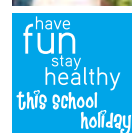
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DEVELOPMENT

We demand an end to Government stalling on estuary airport review

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CONFUSION is sweeping the corridors of power at Westminster over the date of the upcoming aviation review – and with it the chance for the community to voice its opposition to hugely controversial proposals to build a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary.

This significant review – which confirmed the Government was prepared to give consideration to either a site on Grain, put forward by architect Lord Foster, or for runways on reclaimed land off the coast, championed by London Mayor Boris Johnson and dubbed Boris Island – was due to be published at the end of March.

It was announced by Chancellor George Osborne in his pre-budget report. It will then throw open the issue to public consultation.

The review will look at the south east's aviation capacity as a whole and is supported by anti-airport campaigners and the county's MPs and council chiefs – among them the leaders of Kent, Medway and Swale councils.

They believe it will throw up other options to tackle the growing capacity problem and kill off

any estuary airport plan.

But when pushed for a time-scale this week, the Department for Transport was unable to give a definitive answer.

A DfT spokesman said it would be this summer – which could mean in a matter of weeks.

But when pressed on whether it would be held before Parliament breaks for summer recess in July – until September – he declined to say, stating he could not be “specific” on dates.



SAYING NO: MP Mark Reckless has spoken against the airport proposals

This newspaper, which last month threw its weight behind the campaign to say no to the estuary airport proposals, is now calling on the Government to be clear on its plans for a review and to put an end to the uncertainty felt by people living in north Kent.

Hopes are it will happen quickly, to remove any estuary plan from the table and allow Government to push forward with other proposals, such as expansion at existing airports, including Heathrow or Gatwick.

MP for Rochester and Strood Mark Reckless, an ardent anti-airport campaigner, said there were a range of other options that made more sense than the estuary airport plan.

He said: “We should make use of this consultation to kill off the estuary airport idea.”

Mr Reckless said not only did the economics of such a plan “not stand up” but the environmental impacts would be devastating.

He added: “I have put questions to the Mayor of London, but people are just not coming up with credible answers.”

“There are London airports that with investment could reap benefits and help the aviation situation.

“Better transport connections with other existing airports in the UK would also boost capacity. There’s a basket of options that make more sense than an airport in the estuary.”

Mr Reckless met with the Prime Minister at Downing Street last week after he agreed to face-to-face talks with the county’s representatives. But the discussions are being kept a secret.

The MP said: “What was said in the meeting was private, but I can say it was good to have been given time to discuss the matter.”

Both proposals would cost in the region of £50bn-£70bn, alter the landscape of north Kent

forever, and require an enormous amount of infrastructure which would transform the county.

While campaigners understand the problem with aviation capacity in the south east, they argue the Thames Estuary – an internationally important environmental site – is the wrong place.

Economic experts, airline heads and conservationists have all spoken out against the plans, with the National Air Traffic Service calling it the “worst place” to locate an airport.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ A coffee for the Queen

A CHURCH coffee morning will double-up as a chance to enjoy a community get together for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this weekend.

St Michael's Church in Sittingbourne High Street hosts a coffee shop in Church House on the first Saturday of each month. And Saturday's will see monies raised from the sale of refreshments go to one of the Queen's charities – the Church Urban Fund. The coffee shop runs between 10am and noon.

➔ Operation at centre

ADULTS joined youngsters for a board game with a difference at shopping centre The Forum last weekend.

The complex hosted a giant version of family favourite Operation. Centre manager Allen Forder said: “It was great to see so many shoppers taking part, all members of the family got involved and there was a great atmosphere. It was so lovely to have the sunny weather outside and so many happy smiling faces inside.”

➔ Motorists are warned

ROADWORKS begin on a busy stretch of road near Faversham next week, with motorists warned of delays until the end of July.

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CRIME

Cable crooks get tangled up with prison system after crime spree

By Chris Britcher

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CROOKS who stole cable from around the railway on the Isle of Sheppey Bridge on 14 separate occasions have been jailed.

The thieves, who cost the railway almost £55,000, were each sentenced for 20 months.

Steven Bryce, 40, and Robert Tinker, 34, appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday, having pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal cable at an earlier hearing.

The court heard Bryce, of Swale Avenue, Queenborough, and Tinker, of High Street, Sheerness, worked together taking cable from the railway around the Isle of Sheppey Bridge on 14 occasions between December 2010 and March 2011.

Detective Inspector Ashley Cooper said: "During their four-month crime spree, Bryce and Tinker managed to steal almost 1.7km of telecommunications cable from the railway."

"But their conspiracy came to an end when officers on a cable theft patrol, during the early hours of Thursday, March 31, 2011, stopped a man – later identified as Bryce – at Queenborough who claimed he had been clearing rubbish from the marshes."

Bryce was arrested and following forensic evidence from the scene of some of the thefts was linked to the series of crimes.



NABBED: Robert Tinker (left) and Steven Bryce ripped up cable near crossing on 14 separate occasions

Further investigation, including checking receipts of local scrap dealers, revealed Bryce and an accomplice, identified as Tinker, had claimed more than £3,250 from dealers for cable taken to yards in Sittingbourne, Sheppey and Strood.

Both men were subsequently charged, in February 2012, with conspiracy to steal cable.

DI Ashley Cooper added: "When you consider the effort and endeavour of the pair to steal the cable yielded just over £1,500 each for four months work it is clear to see that cable theft even in relatively large quantities is not lucrative."

"It is damaging, however, in terms of delays, interruption to rail services and cost to the industry which, in this case, was almost 20 times that of the value of the cable."

"This case clearly demonstrates that British Transport Police, together with Network Rail, has taken a clear stand against cable thieves and that we will do everything in our power, using all available techniques to identify and prosecute offenders."

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those officers and staff involved in the building of the case against Bryce and Tinker. Without their dedication we would not have seen these criminals put behind bars."

"Cable theft is a blight on society and has a dramatic effect on communities across the country. We are committed to tackling the issue and will continue to work hard to reduce the effect criminals have on the travelling public."

AWARD

Anthony wins award

PENSIONER Anthony Mogridge has scooped a top prize for his community work during the regional finals of a nationwide competition.

The 66-year-old from Faversham was named south east regional champion at the National Retirement Awards, organised by housebuilder McCarthy & Stone. A Rotary Club member, he also tirelessly raises money for charity.

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News

HERITAGE

Forgotten story of county's first black farmer revealed

By Chris Murphy

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THE extraordinary and moving tale of the county's first black farmer, whose son became the county's first black footballer, has been told in a new book.

Author Marika Sherwood was stunned when she started researching the story behind Albert Makaula, who was born on March 3, 1865.

He was the son of a South African chief, but because he was ill as a child he was adopted by a missionary Charles White and took the surname Makaula-White.

In 1890, after his adopted parents had died Albert came to England to study to be a missionary.

The following year he married dressmaker Eleanor Botting, 27, from Shorne, in a ceremony at the Methodist Church in Strood.

Curious locals turned out in large numbers to see Albert whenever he made a public appearance, such as his preaching from the pulpit in Medway. It was a time when racism was rife.

The couple had three children: Irene, Charles and Claude.

After a busy life back and forth to South Africa, Albert started a farm in Kent, but nothing is known of its success or failure in Doddington.

The family vanished from the radar until

1928, when they were prosecuted by the RSPCA for pig neglect and fined £10.

The exploits of this amazing family continued with Irene taking to the West End stage, and Charles (pictured) becoming the county's first black football player, for Dover in 1928.

By the time he was 68, Albert was facing serious financial problems, and he died of heart failure on September 13, 1937, aged 72. His son Claude is noted as the 'informant' on the death certificate issued in Cranbrook.

He was buried in Lenham, near Stubble Hill, his first home in Kent.

Faversham-based Ms Sherwood said she has been researching the arrival of Africans in to Britain for some time.

She said: "I got so caught up with other work that I did not even begin to research this aspect of Kent's history until I stumbled across Albert Makaula-White, a farmer.

"I thought 'an African farmer here in Kent, from South Africa? Who was he? Why is 'White' added to his name? How come he settled in Kent?"

"It is such an amazing, complicated story spanning half the world, it had to be written."

Now a book launch is planned at Faversham library on June 25 at 4.30pm.

The book costs £2 and copies are available by post from Savannah Press, 13 Church Road, Oare, Kent ME13 0QA for £3.



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EVENT



FLOCKS OF FUN: Open Farm Sunday gives the public a better understanding of how farming works

Come and join national celebration of all that's good down on the farm

By James Benjamin

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AFTER all the red, white and blue of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee fun this long weekend, there's a chance to turn your focus a lot closer to home this month.

Open Farm Sunday takes place on June 17, and provides the opportunity to meet local farmers, discuss the produce they grow and how they manage the land which surrounds us.

Now in its seventh year, it is part of a nationwide event which is expected to have notched up its one millionth visitor during the day.

Among those farms taking part in Kent will be Monkshill Farm in Waterham, near Faversham.

Owned by the Royal School for Deaf Children at Margate to enable the young people from the school and college and other educational estab-

lishments to get hands-on experience of farm life, it runs as a commercial farm, selling free-range chickens, pork, lamb, beef and eggs locally from the farm gate.

NFU South East regional director William White says: "Open Farm Sunday is always a great day out for the family."

"This event is also a valuable opportunity for people to find out more about what goes on behind the farm gate."

"NFU members are really keen to engage with visitors and help everyone have a better understanding of what farming delivers to each and every one of us. Quality food, high animal welfare standards and beautiful countryside will be much in evidence."

■ **For more details of the event and a full list of Kent farms taking part, see the website www.farmsunday.org.**

EDUCATION

MP backs bid to inspire the next generation of manufacturing stars

A COMPETITION designed to spark enthusiasm among teenagers for a career in manufacturing has been launched this week across Sittingbourne and Sheppey.

And spearheading the programme is MP Gordon Henderson.

He has thrown his weight behind the We Made It! contest, which will see local schools and industry working together to hammer out a message highlighting the benefits of such a career.

The competition will invite young people aged 13-16 to submit designs and ideas for a gadget, gizmo, toy or tool they'd like to see made.

The only rules are that the invention has to be realistic enough that it could be made.

Entries will then be judged by Mr Henderson.

He will take the local winner to a reception and awards ceremony in Parliament where they'll have the opportunity to meet the heads of the manufacturing organisations involved in the project and learn how to take their career in manufacturing further.

The Conservative MP explained: "I'm very proud to be supporting this great project to help young people turn their ideas into reality."

"Britain desperately needs more young people aspiring to high-level manufacturing jobs and gain a better understanding of how the industry and businesses involved in it actually works."

The winner will be entered into a nationwide competition judged by a group of organisations involved in manufacturing, including Boeing, The Manufacturing Institute, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Finmeccanica, Renewable UK, the Confederation of Paper Industries and Lloyds Banking Group. The organisations are all partners in the Dods Manufacturing Dialogue, which is working to increase



SUPPORTER: MP Gordon Henderson

interest in manufacturing skills in schools.

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News

CRIME

Thief got bystanders to help him move £3,000 haul of stolen antiques

By Marijke Cox
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A 38-YEAR-OLD man from Sheerness who stole antiques worth around £3,000 has been jailed for three years.

Karl Darryl Devine, of Alma Street, was charged with burglary after a house was broken into in Hearts Delight Road in Borden on April 8.

Devine stole antique furniture from the property, and then sold it to an antique dealer who was unaware the property had been pinched.

He also duped two members of the public into helping him move the property to the second-hand store.

A witness to the burglary noted the registration plate of a transit van that was used during the crime and detectives traced the owner of the van using Swale's network of auto-



NUMBER'S UP: Devine received a three year jail term for burglary

matic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras.

Devine was arrested in Sittingbourne three days after

the burglary and charged with the offence and remanded in custody.

The property was recovered and returned to its rightful owners.

He was sentenced to three years imprisonment at Maidstone Crown Court.

Detective Constable Iain Joyce from Kent Police said: "Devine stole items that belonged to someone else and tried to profit from the crime by selling the items on."

"He was forensically linked to the crime and as a result is going to have to serve a prison sentence."

"Swale has a team of detectives who specifically target burglary and vehicle crime offences and the consequences are clear; if you commit offences in Swale then we will be looking to identify you and put you before the courts."

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CRIME

Track long arm of the law online with justice service

By James Benjamin

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KENT Police chiefs have welcomed a decision by the Home Office to put more crime information at the public's finger tips.

The public are now able to go online and see how cases are dealt with in the criminal justice system, including punishments, for all crimes committed from January 2012 onwards.

The information will be made available on the police.uk website.

The Deputy Chief Constable of Kent, Alan Pughsley, said: "The public should be able to hold the justice system to account. Easily accessible information is the key to that, and justice outcomes is a major step forward in letting people see what happens to calls to the police.

"This is a key part of Kent Police's work on accountability and accessibility. We want to be able to share as much information as we can with the public on the crime picture in Kent.

"Kent Police is one of the best performing forces in the country, and we seize more criminal assets than any other force in the country, bar the Metropolitan Police.

"Crime continues to fall in Kent, and the public should be able to see exactly how we are tackling complaints of criminality. The public have never had such a detailed picture of crime and the outcome in their area."

Since its launch in January 2011, the website

police.uk has attracted an average of 150,000 visitors a day.

DCC Pughsley added: "I will continue to push the Home Office to add even more detail to the website, and I would hope anti-social behaviour data could be added in the near future too."



STAYING INFORMED:

The public can now keep tabs on how cases are dealt with by police thanks to changes on police.uk

PETS

Don't leave your dog in a hot car

RSPCA and council chiefs are warning pet owners to take extra care not to leave their dogs in hot cars, after the summer finally got under way with a spell of warm weather.

It is feared that as temperatures finally begin to rise after a chilly and wet spring, owners will overlook the dangers of allowing their pets to cook inside locked cars.

During the late hot spell in September last year, the RSPCA received 170 reports from people worried about animals left in hot cars – three times as many calls as average.

Swale Borough Council's animal control officer Tim Oxley said: "Dogs die in hot cars. Don't leave your dog alone in a car, it really isn't worth taking the risk, if you are going out in your car, leave your dog at home.

"All too often, owners make the mistake of thinking that it is sufficient to leave a bowl of water or a window open for their pet, but this is not enough to protect your pet from heatstroke, which can have fatal consequences."

The RSPCA says the temperature inside a vehicle can soar to 47 degrees within 60 minutes when the outside temperature is 22 degrees. Even in lower temperatures, if it is sunny or slightly warm outside, a vehicle can become hot very quickly.

Owners who fear their dog may be suffering from heat stroke should act with great urgency.

Pets should be moved to a cooler spot straight away before calling your vet for advice immediately.





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CHARITY

Demelza bids farewell to devoted chairman

By Chrissie Daniels

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THE chairman of children's charity Demelza has retired after 11 years of "outstanding" service.

Des Crampton, who was appointed chairman of trustees in 2007, described his time working with Demelza Hospice Care for Children as a "wonderful journey".

Mr Crampton has been a trustee for the charity since 2001 and stood down at last week's annual general meeting in Bobbing.

During the meeting he was presented with a framed picture made by one of the children who has been helped by the charity.

The charity provides care for nearly 800 children with life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Mr Crampton said: "The organisation has grown so much and a lot has changed at Demelza in 11 years but it's been a wonderful journey. What means the most to me is to see how many families we are bringing services to."

Members of the charity thanked him for his devotion to the cause.

Founder chairman Derek Phillips, said: "The leadership and inspiration



RETIREMENT: Des Crampton

of Des Crampton has been such an essential and important part. For such devotion we are indeed most grateful."

President Richard Oldfield said: "Des has served Demelza with enormous dedication over more than a decade, joining a year or so after I did, and almost immediately after I had become chairman."

"He headed the finance committee with an eagle eye and was always tremendously incisive in his questioning.

FUNDRAISERS GO DOTTY FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPICE WEEK

ORGANISATIONS across the county have been proudly showing off their spots after raising funds for Demelza during Children's Hospice Week.

Go Dotty for Demelza encouraged individuals and groups to sport polka dots or enter dotty activities – with more than 180 organisations taking part.

Staff at Demelza's hospice in Bobbing led the way by coming into work in dotty pyjamas on May 23 and having a dot tea party in the hospice, with games and entertainment from a cheerleading squad.

But although it is a fun campaign the reason behind it is a serious one.

Karen, whose son Alec uses Demelza, explains why

they rely on the hospice: "At times when we feel alone and when things start to get on top of us we have a

vital support network in the staff and volunteers at Demelza and that makes every day easier to live to the max and to enjoy making memories together. Our life as a family has changed, priorities are different and we appreciate the

simple things like cuddles and laughter so much more."

Natalie Tegg, head of partnerships, said: "It is so great not only to see how many groups and companies have got behind Go Dotty this year but also how imaginative they have been. It is a fun way to support Demelza and it really does make such a difference to the work we can do with families like Alec's."



His very high standards have helped ensure Demelza has had such high standards over the years.

"I am sure everyone at Demelza is deeply grateful to him."

Mr Crampton is being succeeded by Sarah Phillips who previously chaired the MS Society.

"She was the first chairman to have

multiple sclerosis.

She was also chairman of Victim Support for six years and is currently a non executive director of North Essex Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. In 2005, Ms Phillips was awarded an OBE for services to disability and made a Deputy Lieutenant for Essex.

She said: "Demelza is such a special

place and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to play a role in continuing to develop this outstanding resource for children and their families."

Ms Phillips was among four new trustees elected at the meeting. The others were HR specialists Gerard Collins and Fiona Hoyer and retailer Paul Denham.

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OPINION

Estuary airport worth review

Prof Roger Vickerman responds to KCC's aviation strategy paper by suggesting there's likely to be a 'strong case' for a new estuary airport

THE case for expansion of capacity depends on the growth of air traffic and the fact Heathrow operates at almost full capacity almost all of the time.

Heathrow is a hub airport. That means a significant proportion of passengers are changing planes, typically between long-haul and short-haul flights.

A simple view would be that these passengers are of no value to the regional economy, but the total volume of passengers passing through determines how many planes go to how many destinations, and hence how well connected London is to the rest of the world.

The constraints at London means that although the number of passengers has continued to grow, the number of destinations served has not and has now fallen well behind those at rival hub airports such as Paris, Amsterdam or Frankfurt.

This is particularly true of destinations in the most rapidly

developing parts of the world. There is therefore a potential constraint on the wider economy of the South East which might provide a block to growth.

Does this expansion need all to be at Heathrow?

The simple answer is 'no'. Secondary airports have an important role in the point-to-point business and London Gatwick, with 34 million passengers in the last year, the world's largest with a single runway, is hardly a secondary airport. But there are strong arguments for hub expansion.

So that leaves three options: expand Heathrow; build a new airport to modern hub standards with four runways; or (as KCC has suggested) develop a network of regional airports.

Proposals for an airport in the Thames Estuary have been around since 1945, and various sites were closely examined during the Roskill Commission Inquiry into a Third London Air-

port more than 40 years ago.

The various objections to this, but perhaps the biggest hurdle has been that planning in the UK has always been incremental, taking a major step such as relocating the country's main airport has been seen as a step too far, too expensive, too long-term.

But suppose that such an airport had been developed even 40 years ago, would we not now take it for granted?

Remember, it took 186 years to complete the Channel Tunnel and that is now very clearly just part of the furniture.

So let us have a serious debate about the long-term, and that has to be a national debate and not just one of local point scoring or vote catching.

The key questions are: what is the relationship between airport capacity and local and national economic growth; does a modern airport with good public transport links have to be as



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Let's have national debate and not just one of local point scoring or vote catching

environmentally damaging as claimed (there is evidence that it is access to airports which causes more total damage than the airport or air traffic movements themselves); and above all how will air traffic grow over the next 50 years?

We need more research on all of these aspects before we can have a serious debate and not one fuelled by prejudice or narrow local concerns.

On balance and over the long term I think we are likely to find that there is a strong case for a very serious look at an airport somewhere in, or off the coast of, north Kent.

■ Professor Vickerman is Professor of European Economics at the University of Kent's School of Economics and Director of its Centre for European, Regional and Transport Economics. He is also Dean of the University's Brussels School of International Studies.

KOS COMMENT

Make the jubilee a party to remember

THERE'S certainly something infectious about the Diamond Jubilee excitement.

For many it's the prospect of four days off work and the promise of a good knees-up, but for many others it's the feeling of community this occasion seems to have evoked, and also a sense of gratitude for the Queen's service.

The number of street parties has topped the 350 mark – a huge rise on last year's Royal wedding celebrations – and town hall chiefs are going all out in hosting huge public events to make sure everyone is involved.

Sometimes it takes a celebration like this to bring everyone together and feel proud to be British.

So let's raise a glass to the Queen and enjoy this prolonged holiday.

Portas fight back on

THINGS are looking up for two of Kent's 'ghost towns' after being selected as Portas Pilots.

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Tories' heavy toll on town

IT HASN'T been a great month for Dartford.

A few weeks ago Tory councillor Bryan Sweetland, Kent County Council's transport boss, confirmed the Government will probably announce plans for a second Dartford crossing within six months. At the same time the Government announced it will hike the tolls at the existing crossing, beginning this October and rising 66 per cent by 2014.

Most people in Dartford think the town has suffered enough from the traffic congestion and air pollution that has come with the first crossing. It's not fair Dartford should be chosen for more of the same. We deserve better than to be the Tories' favourite traffic dumping ground.

Virtually all Dartfordians are angered by news of the

impending toll hikes.

In contrast, Labour will fight against a second crossing and strongly opposes any toll increases at the existing one.

Let's remember the town's Conservative MP Gareth Johnson fought the 2010 general election on an anti-tolls platform – yet, far from seeing the tolls axed, they're actually rising. While back in 2010 it looked inconceivable that Dartford would have a second crossing forced upon it.

Mr Johnson's ineffectiveness with these local core issues won't go unnoticed. After all, it's not unreasonable to expect a Tory MP to have at least some influence with a Tory government; Mr Johnson seems to have none.

Cllr John Adams, Labour's former Parliamentary candidate for Dartford

Driven mad by wasted £83m

RE: THE new £83 million East

Kent Access Road opening. Well done KCC and Thanet District Council.

Another example of how to waste public money with bad planning, along with your record of bad investment.

Be careful you don't run out of money for your massive pay-offs to chief executives.

What with the badly placed roundabout on the Manston road – which should have never got through planning – we now have a new large roundabout with traffic lights creating jams on the new road.

A new modern road should have overpasses and underpasses to keep traffic moving.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington



The right flight path to follow

I FULLY support your campaign against the creation of an

unnecessary estuary airport. What right has Boris Johnson to destroy an area of such valuable wildlife habitats?

At Manston we already have a perfectly good, but under-used, airport for the South East.

The new owners of Southend airport have recently shown us all what can be achieved by determination and investment.

They now have a busy, prosperous airport and, more importantly, lots of extra jobs.

Peter Medwell, Broadstairs

Farage head in the clouds

WHAT A surprise, another expert on what is best for Manston (Opinion, May 27), MEP and Ukip leader Nigel Farage who happens to live where? Oh yeah, Westerham.

Unless I am mistaken they have not altered the flight path to Manston so the aircraft fly

over Westerham. If they did, would he think it was still a good idea that he and his family's health was at stake from noise and pollution?

And as for his comment about less noise for residents as the flights take-off and land next to the sea, maybe if he asked residents of Herne Bay and Thanet when a cargo plane is landing or taking off he may well think differently.

I only hope that all the people involved on the final decision, including the transport minister Theresa Villiers, consult the people whose lives are going to be affected by aviation changes, as we are all council tax payers and all have a right to say what we think on what happens in our area.

J Williams, Herne Bay

Manston flies in face of Boris

AS USUAL Nigel Farage speaks

the common sense denied our career politicians due to their vested interests and total disinterest in democracy (Opinion, May 27).

He lists a number of cogent and sensible reasons for the expansion of Manston as an addition to Heathrow.

Anybody who has toured around Heathrow and seen the infrastructure that would eventually become obsolete as 'Boris Island' took over from Heathrow, would realise this area would become a ghost town, apart from all the other major drawbacks.

I fail to understand why a London Mayor is given so much credibility and power to influence such a major undertaking.

Maybe he's already practising to take over the supine David Cameron's job.

Phil Granger, West Malling

A legacy we will all regret

I AM totally against any airport in this area at all. It is sheer madness to even think about it.

It would be much cheaper to expand the airports we already have. Surely we should be discouraging people making too many flights anyway?

If we were to have planes overhead 24 hours a day, what about all the pollution?

Has anyone thought about this seriously? (I should not think so for one moment).

If we wanted to live near an airport we would have bought a house nearer to one.

The marshes and nature reserves are very important areas around here.

They are nice places for people who live outside the area to come to visit.

There would certainly be more chance of a bird strike.

Why not use Manston? If high-speed trains ran from London-Manston, that would be ideal.

It would provide Thanet with lots more jobs, which are really needed in that area.

We in Medway already have enough population and enough cars on our roads now. It is no good to say 'build more roads' that will only create more traffic.

Please do not allow this to happen – or we will all live to regret it.

Diane Parmenter, Rainham

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What a 'levy' price to pay consolidating debt

Q I GOT heavily into debt after being made redundant. I inquired about making myself bankrupt, but was advised that it would be better to use a debt management company to negotiate with credit card firms and loan companies, and to organise reduced payments to them. I have tried to understand how this works and I have talked to two debt management companies, but it seems to me that all they do is levy heavy charges on me in return for keeping creditors away from my front door. I still have to pay the debts.

A AVOID bankruptcy if you can. You may think you will be discharged after a year and can start again, but the stain stays on your credit agency file for years and could stop you getting credit or a mortgage. Debt management companies have a mixed reputation. Some may dazzle you with the promise that you will pay only a small sum to each creditor each month. This might look attractive, but in reality it means you could spend the rest of your life in debt. Fees vary, but think in terms of about 15pc – so if you give the debt management company £10, it keeps £1.50 and passes on £8.50 to your creditors. Before going any further, talk to National Debtline (0808 808 4000), a charity that will give you free advice.

Q I INTENDED to apply for the NHS international health card that would entitle me to treatment throughout Europe, but found to my amazement that NHS Direct charges £11.99 for this, or £16.99 if you need your card quickly. I would have called to protest, but then I saw that calls cost £1.53 a minute. Since the NHS gives emergency treatment free to foreign visitors to Britain, why must we pay to get similar treatment while abroad on holiday or business?

A YOU have narrowly escaped losing some money. The website you consulted is called www.nhs-direct.org.uk, but it has absolutely nothing to do with the NHS, as it reveals if you read it carefully. It is a private business, and all it does is check that you have completed the application correctly. Then it passes it on to the NHS. The European Health Insurance Card, which is valid in most European countries and entitles you to the same treatment as local citizens, is completely free of charge. You can apply for it online at www.nhs.uk – click on 'Healthcare Abroad' – or by calling 0845 606 2030.

Q I REMEMBER your report that explained how when one bank takes over another, customers who have accounts with both banks

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



need to check their savings have not gone above the compensation limit. Does the same advice apply to building societies, or do they not go in for takeover bids like the banks?

A BUILDING societies do swallow each other up. Nationwide Building Society took over Derbyshire Building Society and Cheshire Building Society, among others. And Norwich and Peterborough is now part of Yorkshire Building Society. The Financial Services Authority has allowed some leeway in past mergers, so people whose accounts are suddenly added together do not lose their cover under the official compensation scheme without being given a bit of time to move some money elsewhere. But the basic advice is that you should think twice before having more than the £85,000 compensation ceiling in any one bank or building society.

Q MY PARENTS, who are retired, have offered to lend me and my husband £40,000 to help us get on to the housing ladder and buy our first home. We would then pay them back £200 a month until the loan is cleared. Would they have to pay income tax on this?

A IF YOU are simply repaying the money you borrowed, with no interest, then your parents will owe no tax. They would need to tell their tax office only if they were charging you interest and making a profit on the loan.

Q WHEN someone dies, is it necessary for the people who witnessed the deceased's will to confirm this in some way? I witnessed a will some years ago, and now I have received a letter from a firm of solicitors asking me to confirm that I really was a witness.

A THIS IS unusual. Perhaps someone has cast doubt on the deceased's signature on the will. But as long as you were present at the signing there is nothing to worry about.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Don't carry the cost of garden thieves' pot luck

Your home insurance policy probably provides some cover for your garden, but make sure you know what protection you are getting. **ADAM AIKEN** reports...

IT MIGHT be hard to believe, but we are only a month away from Midsummer's Day.

It remains to be seen if the weather will pay ball, but even if the sunshine fails to materialise, the criminal fraternity will still be gearing up for their summer garden days.

As far as they are concerned, the longer days give a perfect opportunity for them to strike – and with more garden furniture and plants on display, the risks of falling victim to thieves is greatest over the next few months.

Statistics published by Aviva, the insurer, studied 10 years' of claims data and found that thefts from gardens and outbuildings shoot up by more than 25pc when the clocks go forward.

Claims then increase as the days get longer and lighter, reaching their peak in July and August.

At this point, the number of claims is normally up about 40pc from the start of the year.

Meanwhile, the Aviva statistics suggest the average haul is worth about £850.

Sheds and garages are often targeted, with children's toys, bikes and garden tools – ranging from expensive lawnmowers to basic rakes – among the thieves' favourite items.

"Extra hours of sunlight are obviously very welcome after months of darkness, but it also means that your expensive power tools, bikes and golf clubs are more visible than ever to a passing thief – as is your home security, or lack of it," said Peter Ketteringham, household underwriting manager at Aviva.

"So try not to advertise what you've got, make sure sheds and summerhouses are properly secured, and clear up your garden every evening so there's nothing lying around that could tempt a criminal on to your property.

"And bear in mind that loose items such as ladders and wheelie bins are perfect for burglars to use to get into your home, so shut them away, out of sight if you can."

Mike Powell, an analyst at Defaqto, said: "It's easy to forget that home contents policies can include our gardens.

"Water features, decking, garden furniture, outside lighting, gas barbecues, children's playthings and plants can be expensive to replace and run into hundreds of pounds.



'CONTENTS IN THE OPEN' COVER

'Contents in the open' is a standard feature on most home insurance policies and covers items left outside in the garden or within the boundary of the home – but make sure you know what level of cover you have.

John Miles, of Gocompare.com, said: "Home insurance policies usually provide cover, but this will often relate to contents in outbuildings or locked sheds.

"There are specific and usually lower limits for items not locked away, or 'contents in the open', as they are often referred to.

"This is a difficult area for insurers

and potentially therefore problematic for customers.

"Contents in the open can include furniture, barbecues and ornaments – things that are normally in the open, but can be locked away in winter.

"Some insurers will allow you to increase the level of cover for contents in the open, but you may need to pay more for this."

According to Defaqto, about half of all standard home insurance policies cover contents in the open up to about £2,000. A third provides cover up to £1,000, but a few provide none at all.

"It is essential that you check your policy to ensure you have the correct cover in place."

According to the experts at Moneysupermarket.com, the levels of garden cover under home insurance policies vary considerably.

For example, the maximum protection for items kept outdoors is £250 with Churchill, while M&S Money offers unlimited cover.

There are also wide variations in the cover provided for items in outbuildings.

Budget Insurance covers up to £2,000, but unlimited protection is offered by Halifax and M&S Money.

Peter Harrison, an insurance expert at Moneysupermarket, said: "When you think about the items you may have in your garden, it can be quite surprising how much they add up to.

"Many people have tables and chairs as well as gas barbecues and patio heaters – all items that carry hefty price tags.

"Homeowners should beware that garden items can be easily targeted

by thieves so it's essential to have the right amount of cover on your home insurance policy to make sure you're not underinsured."

He added: "Considering the cost of some of the more expensive garden items, it's also advisable to look at the policy details to see if there is a single-item limit within the terms and conditions.

"If it does not state a limit, it may be worth contacting your insurer to notify it of any more costly items to ensure you are covered should you need to make a claim.

"Additionally, for those who keep items such as bikes or gym equipment in their sheds, outhouses or other storage areas, these will also require cover so it's important to keep these as secure as possible to ensure your insurance remains valid."

Meanwhile, Mr Powell, at Defaqto, said: "Many policies also offer cover for 'plants in the garden', which can typically provide cover for loss or damage caused by perils such as fire, flood, theft and malicious damage to plants, trees shrubs and lawns."

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Local jobs, for local people!

Bishop of Rochester Academy's new Principal pledges twenty new jobs for local people

The Bishop of Rochester Academy's new Principal, Colin Boxall (pictured), announced that there will be twenty new jobs at the Academy for local people.

"Local jobs, for local people," said Colin Boxall.

"The Bishop of Rochester Academy is a community secondary school, and one of the ways we intend to demonstrate that the Academy is at the heart of the local community is by employing people from the local community," he said.

Mr Boxall made the pledge of twenty new jobs for local people at a recent meeting with parents of students due to start at the

Academy in September this year. Mr Boxall joined the the Bishop of Rochester Academy full time as the new Principal only five weeks ago, after working at Academy, in Chatham, part-time since January.

The Bishop of Rochester Academy has already recruited a number of Exam Invigilators for the summer exam season each year, and will also be offering permanent posts suited to local people - such as Mid-day Assistants, required from September. Other new jobs may include people to help run new after-school classes and activities on a range of arts, crafts, technology and sports during the school holidays, plus Fitness Trainers, Games Co-ordinators,

Instructors, Activity Leaders, Enrichment Club and Gifted & Talented Programme Supervisors... and others!

New Academy building

New staff joining the Academy from now will be among the first to benefit from the superb working environment in the NEW Academy building. The £23 Million 'new-build', which is currently under construction on the Academy's Magpie Hall Road East Campus, will open next Spring (2013) and provide an exceptional environment in which to work and learn, with state-of-the-art facilities for all students and staff.



The Academy will be recruiting a number of Mid-Day Assistants to work at both Campuses - East Campus: Magpie Hall Road; and West Campus: Letchworth Avenue, starting September.

The role of Mid-Day Assistant is to ensure the safety, welfare and good conduct of students during the Mid-day break.

This involves supervising students in the dining areas and surrounding corridors, and the outdoor area and playing fields, to ensure good standards of behaviour by students are maintained.

These are permanent positions, and more information and Application Forms can be obtained via the website: www.boracademy.org or by contacting the Academy on: **01634 845196**. Interviews will be conducted during the Summer Term.

Mr Boxall plans a number of new initiatives at the Academy over the coming weeks and months, for the benefit of Academy students which involve the local community.

Anyone living in the Medway area with any specialist skills to offer - in sports, the arts, crafts, music, technology, etc. - should contact the Bishop of Rochester Academy on: **01634 845196** or visit the Academy's website for more information: www.boracademy.org.

The Bishop of Rochester Academy is a Church of England school where everyone works and learns within its caring and supportive Christian ethos.

The Academy opened in September 2010 and has a community of around 1,200 students plus a growing Sixth Form. It serves mainly the area of Chatham within the Medway towns and we demonstrate that we are at the 'heart of the community'.

The Academy 'Sponsors' - Rochester Diocesan Board of Education, Canterbury Christ Church University and Medway Council - support us in our focus on raising educational standards and creating opportunities for the young people of Medway to achieve their full potential and to excel, with aspirations for all students to continue into further or higher education whether with an academic or vocational direction.

With 'Specialisms' in Maths, ICT and Music, we provide an innovative and challenging curriculum which emphasises achievement and high expectations of, and for, all our students. Our exam results are set to increase year on year; and Ofsted recently commented: "The new Principal's strategic vision demonstrates strong leadership... perceptive insight of what needs to be done... He is rightly focused on raising achievement." (Ofsted - April 2012)

Our new Principal brings new energy and a multitude of new initiatives to drive the future development of the Academy to ensure our long-term success in providing a quality education for all.



Local jobs, for local people

20 NEW jobs at the Academy by September 2012

20 NEW jobs are being created at the Academy for local people - including... Exam Invigilators, Mid-Day Assistants, Sports Coaches, Fitness Trainers, Games Co-ordinators, Instructors, Activity Leaders, Enrichment Club Supervisors... and others!

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Booze cruise is back in fashion as shoppers stock up on weak euro

By Nick Ames

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THE WEAKER euro has meant a comeback for that 90s cross-Channel phenomenon – the booze cruise.

Just months ago, the exchange rate between sterling and the euro was almost at parity. But now shoppers can get up to €1.2 for £1 – making bulk-buying of wine and beer attractive once again.

Superstores selling cheap alcohol boomed in Calais 15 years ago as day-trippers swarmed across the Channel, but many have since closed.

Now business is back on the up, according to the French retailers. One said: "We do five litres of wine for €5. English people can't believe it and word of mouth has brought a lot of new custom."

"I've talked to a few English shoppers who say that UK supermarkets used to do deals that were not quite so good, but when the expense of getting to France was taken into consideration it wasn't worth coming over as the pound and the euro were so similar.

"Now that's not so. The crisis in the euro is not all bad news!"



WHET THE APPETITE: Cross-Channel day-trippers are stocking up on cheap drink

P&O Ferries says the sterling-euro exchange rate has improved by more than 8 per cent over the past 12 months, and with continuing economic turmoil in the eurozone this trend looks set to continue, offering improving returns for Brits hunting cheap food and drink.

A spokesman said: "When the euro was close to equal in value to the pound what we saw was a decrease in day-trips for shopping, while short breaks actually became more popular.

"Now the shoppers are coming back. They have also started filling up with

diesel in France now as well. The savings on a tank can pay for a case of wine on the ferry back."

UK-based retailers including Sainsbury's and Tesco closed their Calais warehouse stores in 2010.

However, the two remaining large operators, Majestic and Calais Wine Superstore, have both benefited from the closure of rivals.

Calais Wine Superstore is advertising savings of between £2 and £3 on bottles and offering three for £6.

In other retail outlets, a bottle of claret costing about £5 in the UK is going for around £2.

A combination of the continuing economic slump and the summer of events – The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, European football championships and the 2012 Olympic Games – has also boosted trade as booze-cruising is most cost-effective when buying in bulk for gatherings or parties.

Off Licence News editor Rosie Davenport said: "As the euro begins to nosedive against the pound and cash-strapped consumers look for ways to save money, jumping on the ferry or Eurostar is starting to look more attractive again."

TRAINING

Heating group opens centre of excellence

ONE OF Europe's leading heating-technology manufacturers is establishing a centre of excellence at Kings Hill, West Malling.

Vaillant Group has taken 11,500 sq ft in Alexander Grove, where its new centre will provide training facilities for engineers and showcase the company's product range to customers and employees.

The Kings Hill Centre of Excellence will offer engineers dedicated Vaillant and Glow Worm practical product-training covering the company's full system solutions. The centre will also provide a product showcase venue for all brands, regularly hosting customer events and meetings.

A family-owned company, Vaillant Group has been operating for more than 135 years and is the largest manufacturer of heating technology in Europe. It pioneered the 'combi' boiler and today leads the way in developing systems that use sustainable and renewable-energy sources.

The company is establishing a series of UK centres as part of its expansion and continued investment plan.

"We are at the forefront of renewable-technology development and it is important we are based on a development that reflects our sustainable ethos, which Kings Hill does," said Jim Moore, northern Europe regional director and UK and Ireland managing director for Vaillant Group.

CHARITY

Car dealership provides the ideal support act for stars' charity cycle

MOTORLINE Skoda of Dartford welcomed Lawrence Dallaglio and Andrew Flintoff to the forecourt as they stopped by on the final leg of their Cycle Slam challenge to thank staff for their support.

The stars of international rugby union and cricket have

spent the past four weeks cycling across Europe, from the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games in Greece to London.

They undertook the 2,872-km charity bicycle ride to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

As part of an ongoing partnership with the charity

event, Skoda UK provided the support vehicles for the Dallaglio Flintoff Cycle Slam 2012.

Mike Harris, retailer principal, said: "It's so exciting to have two legends of British sport visit us here in Dartford. The Skoda Superb Estate is

safe and reliable, with excellent load capacity, so it's the perfect vehicle to support this event – we're delighted it has

helped Lawrence and Freddie on their way."

Dallaglio said: "As a supporter, Skoda has played a vital role in enabling us to complete the challenge and reach our fund-raising target."



SUPPORTING: Stars with Mike Harris

FSB

Chairman promises to leave mark on new role

ENGRAVER Graham Taylor has been elected chairman of the west Kent branch of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) at its AGM in Lyons House, Tonbridge

Taylor will be assisted by branch secretary Simon Robinson and vice-chairman Roger House, who also serves as chairman of the FSB Kent and Medway region.

The west Kent branch represents 1,240 members in Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells and one of the five branches that make up the FSB Kent and Medway region.

The FSB is a membership organisation run by business-people protecting and promoting the interests of real-life entrepreneurs, the self-employed and people who own or run their own small businesses.

The branch is represented on the West Kent Partnership and has signed a Small Business Engagement Accord with the local councils to improve communications and understanding of the needs of small businesses in the boroughs.

Taylor said: "We are considering a number of events to help businesses improve their sustainability and to have some fun at the same time. The business regulatory regime is a greater burden in the challenging economic climate and we will do everything we can to support members and encourage decision-makers at all levels to support local businesses."

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APPOINTMENT

Jambuster joins freight group

THE Freight Transport Association has appointed former Archant KOS Media staff-member Julie Maddocks, pictured, as its new head of media relations.

The association says that having worked in many different roles on television, radio and in newspapers, and for a variety of media organisations, Maddocks already has extensive experience and knowledge of working with the Press from both sides of the microphone and camera.

She is also no stranger to the problems on UK roads, having started her broadcasting career as Julie Jambuster flying over the roads of Kent, and over the years has continued to work in similar roles for other TV and radio stations.

Maddocks said: "I am absolutely delighted to be joining FTA in the role of head of media relations.

"It is an incredible opportunity for me to help spread the word in not only representing its members but ensuring all FTA's campaign messages, including the brilliant Love Logistics, are maximised in all aspects of the media.

"I am aiming not only at the traditional Press but also social media, which offers us so many opportunities to get our message across and to continue to help grow the reputation of this fantastic organisation."



THE FUTURE: Minister for Energy and Climate Change Gregory Barker meets apprentices during his visit to Suscon

MP learns about college focus on greener future

By Nick Ames

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THE future of the construction industry was on display at the Suscon training centre in Dartford with a Government minister in attendance.

Gregory Barker, Minister for Energy and Climate Change, saw how the business was gearing up to face the challenge of low carbon emissions and other green initiatives.

The centre, run by North West Kent College, operates in partnership with business and local authorities offering training and skills opportunities within construction.

Jacqui McDonnell, of the college, said: "Beginners through to experienced architects and planners can come here to learn about innovative practices and new developments.

"Suscon offers them the opportunity to be part of the future of the construction industry. Trends are really changing as part of the commitment shown to a greener future."

Barker took the opportunity to talk about the Government's Green Deal, which will be launched in October. It is a drive to make businesses and properties as energy-efficient as possible to bring the UK in line with world energy emission targets.

Low-carbon-emission building techniques formed a key part of the minister's speech and he said he was impressed with what he had seen during his visit.

Stalls showing solar panning and rainwater collection, along with apprentices demonstrating insulating techniques, were part of his tour.

Barker said: "I was really im-

pressed with the commitment, foresight and enthusiasm of the young people I met.

"They are people who have made a very material commitment to a career in low-carbon construction – building the greener future which politicians like me talk about."

He emphasised that the Government's continued pursuit of energy-efficiency goals would demonstrate connected industries were ones that would repay investment and skills from the private sector.

"We intend to provide a stable platform for business to invest in," said Barker. "We shall provide TLC – transparency, longevity and certainty. That is the key to unlocking business investment."

So far, 22 companies have signed up to be partners in the Green Deal.

MARKET

Would-be traders can test selling potential

MEDWAY Council is giving aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to try their hand at running a market stall for £10.

Business talent will be able to bag bargain pitches at Strood and Gillingham markets as part of the Love Your Local Market campaign.

The campaign, which runs from Saturday, June 23, until Sunday, July 8, encourages residents to support the market and gives people the opportunity to put their business ideas to the test.

It comes after high-street guru Mary Portas published a report for the Government on revitalising Britain's high streets in which she highlighted the importance of markets.

Medway has two bustling markets, at Strood and Gillingham, both held twice a week, as well as a farmers' market in Rochester on the third Sunday of every month.

Some 20 pitches – 10 at each of Gillingham and Strood markets – will be up for grabs for the cut-down price of £10 on Saturday, July 7. To be in with a chance of bagging one, applicants need to get in touch with Medway Council by Monday, June 11.

Pitches won't be available to stalls selling food, but for anyone with home-grown produce to sell, £10 stalls will also be available at Rochester farmers' market on Sunday, July 15.

Jane Chitty, Medway Council's portfolio holder for strategic development and economic growth, said: "This campaign is about showcasing our markets and encouraging more traders to help keep the tradition alive.

"With small overheads and relatively low start-up costs, market trading is an ideal opportunity to see what will sell well and is also good for creative types who make their own goods. This is a great chance for Medway's budding entrepreneurs."

To apply, phone Annette Lebreton at Medway Council on 01634 338155 or email Annette.lebreton@medway.gov.uk with your name and contacts details, a brief description of what you want to sell and the name of the market at which you would like to sell.

Strood market is held every Tuesday and Saturday, from 9am to 3pm, at Commercial Road car park. Gillingham market is held every Monday and Saturday, 9am to 4.30pm, on Gillingham high street.

Entrepreneurs need more encouragement

THE New Enterprise Allowance (NEA) should be extended to encourage more hopeful entrepreneurs to use the scheme, says the All Party Parliamentary Small Business Group (APPSBG).

Current rules allow jobless entrepreneurs to apply for funding of £1,274 plus access to a guaranteed loan of up to £1,000 – but only after they have been claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for six months.

Now the APPSBG is calling for the NEA to be made available from day one of signing on to JSA and for funds to be available for a full year to provide £3,692 plus the guarantee of a loan of up to £2,000. The APPSBG believes this would encourage more aspiring businessmen to set up, in turn helping to boost the economy and stem high unemployment.

The APPSBG is concerned that current funding is too low to enable people to get viable business ideas off the ground – a view supported by figures from the FSB, which show that it costs 14 per cent of small businesses between £2,500 and £5,000 to set up.

Also in a new report, Breaking Down The

Barriers To Entrepreneurship, the APPSBG is calling on the Government to:

- Support enterprise education in schools by incorporating it into the statutory curriculum.
- Create a one-stop-shop for advice and support.

- Adopt and put in place the Breerton recommendations to bolster alternative sources of finance.

- Provide a support network for older entrepreneurs to ensure Jobcentre Plus builds relationships with women's networks to promote mentoring for women.

The report comes following an Entrepreneurship Inquiry launched by MP Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, to see how the barriers to self-employment can be removed and entrepreneurs supported in setting up their business.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "Breaking the barriers to entrepreneurship is crucial if we are to turn the economy around. Unemployment is worryingly high. That is why it is important to make it more attractive to go it alone and

encourage those who have a great business idea to make it a reality. The current NEA does not achieve this. But if the Government extends the scheme to make funds available and at higher rate, more budding entrepreneurs will be encouraged to become self-employed."

Help for disabled people to get into work is also vital, say charities, as is assistance for those leaving the Armed Forces.

Shaun Williams of Leonard Cheshire Disability, said: "It is vital more disabled people are given the funding support they need to increase self-employment opportunities.

"Extending the NEA will enhance their chances of success. Our research shows a quarter of disabled people in work are self-employed as this is often the only viable option."

Richard Morris, founder and CEO of Heropreneurs, the only independent military charity to support Armed Forces-leavers and veterans into business, said: "Entrepreneurs urgently need more financial support to enable them to start up. The barriers which block the emergence of new and small banks must be rapidly taken down."

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Training, courses and careers

Gurkhas swap their khaki for the classroom

THIRTY Gurkha Engineers left their uniforms at home when they took to the classroom for a special English language course.

The course at Canterbury College marks the first part of the groundbreaking Community Covenant between the college and the Armed Forces.

To support local Gurkha personnel, the course will enable them to learn about various elements of speaking, listening and writing that will help them gain promotion in their military career.

The college's Armed Forces community liaison Keith Strong, said: "This has been a great opportunity to help the Army meet targets for their soldiers to gain necessary qualifications required for their soldiers to be able to attend relevant promotion courses within the military.

"Having served with 36 Engineer Regiment many years ago, I wish I had this kind of opportunity and support to help develop my career as these soldiers are getting today."

The Community Covenant is an agreement to foster closer relationships between the college, soldiers, their families and the communities in which they live and work.

The special English language course is the first of a number of ESOL courses that have been arranged for Gurkha Engineers from 36 Engineer Regiment based in Folkestone.

Each course consists of a one-week intense educational package where relevant soft skills and education will be delivered, in support of the aims and objectives of the Community Covenant.

Men's grooming course is a cut above the rest

NORTH West Kent College now offers a full-time barbering course at its newly redeveloped Gravesend campus.

The college already offers hair and beauty courses, but because of a surge in enquiries for men's grooming courses, the NVQ Level 2 barbering course will start in September.

The course will cover consultations, shampooing and cutting, health and safety, plus other theoretical elements. Students can expect to use the college's commercial hairdressing salon, Inspirations, to practice and refine their skills with paying customers.

Hairdressing curriculum manager Kim Catchpole said: "There has been a high level of demand for a full-time barbering course in this area, so we are delighted to now offer this.

"We've noticed an increasing trend for male grooming services within the industry, so it's likely we'll expand this section of the programme going forward.

"The tutor for the course specialises and is qualified in both barbering and hairdressing, so students will benefit from a wealth of experience not just for barbering, but also for hair skills in general."

The minimum entry requirement for the course is English GCSE A-C and two other GCSEs grade D and above.

However, students could successfully complete a Level 1 general hairdressing course and qualify for entry that way.

Inspirations salon is not only a place for teaching and learning, but it's also open to the public for hair and beauty treatments.

Construction trainees show off their skills for national competition

TEN construction trainees have won at the South East regional heat of SkillBuild, staged at the Maidstone campus of midKent College.

The competition saw more than 70 budding trainees build, plaster and paint their way to success to be crowned the best in their chosen field.

The South East regional heat is one of 14 regional heats taking place around the UK. The highest scoring competitors could go onto compete at the three day SkillBuild UK final, which will be hosted by Preston College in September.

The competition is managed by CITB-ConstructionSkills, the Sector Skills Council and Industry Training Board, as part of its ongoing work to bring new blood into the construction industry.

The Kent trainees in medal positions were:

K College: Joe Cook, 21, won first place in painting and decorating;

Matt Hope, 20, won first place in the senior carpentry category;

Darrell Fig, 35, came third in the senior carpentry category;

and Luke Watkins, 23, won second place in the senior plastering category.

MidKent College: Paul Carey, 18, won second place in bricklaying; and George Hendry, 18, came third in joinery.

Thanet College: Daniel Searle, 39, won first place in the senior plastering category; and Dean Smith, 25, came third in the senior plastering category.

North West Kent College: Aron Baker, 22, won first place in the senior painting and decorating category.

Canterbury College: Jorden Coleman, 21, won second place in the senior joinery category.

Joe Cook, who is employed by BE Ames and attends K College said: "I'm really proud to have won at SkillBuild as it shows that I am one of the best trainee tradespeople in the South East, which is a huge achievement.

"The competition was really

tough but it was a great chance for me to show some of the skills that I use every day and to have these recognised.

"I would definitely recommend taking part in SkillBuild as it's great fun and you get to show off your skills to your peers, employers and the industry, which is good for your career."

SkillBuild is supported by local employers, many of whom sponsor the competition, but also those who employ the competitors.

It provides an opportunity for employers to showcase their most talented trainees, helping to give them a competitive edge, in addition to demonstrating their commitment to training and excellence.

Gillian Cain, regional delivery manager for CITB-ConstructionSkills South East, said: "SkillBuild is one of the many

ways we add value to the industry by working on its behalf to encourage new talent to join the sector. The level of quality, skill, determination and professionalism shown by the competitors has

been outstanding so we are pleased with how successful the South East heat has been."

Simon Foot, head of faculty for construction and building services at MidKent College's Maidstone campus said: "The reason why I and everybody else came into construction training is because we firmly believe in the quality of work that can be achieved by young people and that was on display."

"All those who took part are very well placed for the future. One of the best things about hosting the SkillBuild competition is that the competitors' work stays here, which means we can show it to our students as an example of what they should be aiming to achieve."

At SkillBuild trainees compete in a variety of trades including bricklaying, cabinet making, carpentry, dry walling systems, and joinery.



BUILDING: MidKent College student Daniel Palin competes in the bricklaying category

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Schools & education

Students play a risky game to get new ideas for their future careers

STUDENTS at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School got involved in risky business with a learning session about careers in insurance.

The Chartered Insurance Institute, the sector's professional body, delivered its Discover Risk activity to provide more information on the range of global opportunities in the sector.

The interactive session demonstrated how vital it is for businesses and people to manage different levels of risk, and

how a career in insurance helps meet this responsibility.

Practitioners from wealth management group St James's Place; insurance company Chartis; and audit, tax, consulting and corporate finance service provider Deloitte, offered support and advice.

Students participated in a scenario-based activity where different levels of risk are explored. The types of problems facing the would-be risk managers included a singer losing

her voice, cameras being damaged on a movie set, and piracy affecting a company's profits.

Careers co-ordinator Naomi Vallely said: "At Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School we encourage our students to develop the skills that will help them be successful in whatever they choose to do. The Discover Risk game offered a valuable platform to put learning into practice and showcased a career that perhaps many of the students had not previously considered."

Community day a great success for hard-working college crews

THANET College has staged a community day, with students taking on worthwhile projects in the area and helping local groups.

Among the projects were carpentry students who re-vamped the entrance to the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville, and maintenance operations students tidied up the Oval Bandstand in Cliftonville.

Independence and work students held alleyway clean-ups across Broadstairs and Ramsgate, while fresh start learners did a sponsored charity walk for Pilgrims Hospice.

Life, employability and progression students provided shopper support in supermarkets across Thanet, packing bags and helping shoppers with their trolleys.

In Ramsgate painting and decorating students re-vamped Jonti's drop in centre, and carpentry students built raised flower beds at St Clements Court sheltered housing, while ICT students were at Vyeson Court sheltered housing in Ramsgate to help develop a local interest website.

In Broadstairs engineering students gave electrical safety advice to the public, and science and sport students held an activity day



HELPING HANDS: Thanet College carpentry students did work at the Tom Thumb Theatre

at St Peter's Primary School, while hair and beauty students gave free treatments and massages to residents of Whychdene residential home. Other hair and beauty students were at the Beacon care home in Ramsgate and a community group meeting in Chisle.

Enrichment team leader Natasha Hart said: "It was great to see so many excellent activities taking place both on and off site, for the benefit of our local community."

Business Fashion Fix charity show set to become annual fundraiser

A FASHION show raising money for three charities has been held at Canterbury College.

There were thousands of clothes, shoes and accessories for sale at the second annual Business Fashion Fix, and everything on sale had been donated to business students, who put on the event.

The students took to the catwalk modelling the best outfits from the collection, which raised more than £300 for the British Red Cross, Pilgrims

Hospices, and the Children's Trust Tadworth.

The show was followed by the opportunity to buy the outfits and many other donated items in a giant indoor one-stop charity shop. There were also raffle and tombola stalls.

All the unsold clothing will be given to local charity shops for resale.

The Fashion Fix featured contributions from several other college departments. Hair and beauty students designed

the models' hair and make-up, and dance students warmed up the catwalk crowd with a routine to music mixes provided by the music department.

The entire event was filmed by media students, and floristry provided flowers.

Julia Joslin, section manager for business and ICT, said: "I'm really proud of the students for staging the show. They worked incredibly hard and it looks as though the Business Fashion Fix will become an annual fixture."

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Carolyn Flegg - Senior Staff Nurse on 01843 234555 Ext: 63425

Staff Nurse Outpatients (Ashford)

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Qualifications

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Qualifications

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Staff Nurse (Margate)

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Qualifications

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Mary Guarnieri - Matron on 01843 234252

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Dennis Sutton - Theatre Manager on 07807 829623 or Linda McCafferty - Endoscopy Nurse on 07786 173796

Closing date for all applications - 18th June 2012

Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd

Spencer Private Hospital, Ramsgate Road

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Telephone: 01843 234556 Fax: 01843 296333

E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com

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Medical Secretary - Full time (Margate)

Closing date for applications 18th June 2012.

Qualifications: Maths and English (GCSE or Equivalent). Two years experience working in a medical environment. Audio Typing experience essential.

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:

Paul Parish 01843 234555 x 63316

For job description and application form please contact:
Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd., Spencer Private Hospital,
Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4BG. Telephone: 01843 234556.
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Ward Sister (Margate)

Full time position available

Closing date for applications - 18th June 2012

Qualifications Registered Nurse 1st Level. Minimum 5 years post registration/equivalent experience. Evidence of continual professional development. Teaching and Assessing Course or equivalent. Degree desirable.

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Mary Guarnieri - Matron on 01843 234252

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

**KCC/CA/0133/2012 - Proposed development at
St John's Primary School, St John's Place,
Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BD**

KCC Property Group is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the partial demolition of building known as AEC (Adult Education Centre), new 2 storey building within retained facade of AEC, new link to existing Primary School, minor demolition to part of wc on rear elevation of existing Primary School, and associated landscaping and external works. The proposed development is within the Canterbury City Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of nearby listed buildings. The development site is in close proximity to, and may affect a public right of way.

You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 23 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 3 June 2012



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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

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| 12/01495/HOUSE | Poulhurst Lodge Furnace Lane, Brenchley |
| - Detached double garage (LB) | |
| 12/01510/HOUSE | 8A Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater |
| - Conversion of garage into habitable space and extending over on first floor. Single storey rear extension (CA) | |
| 12/01460/HOUSE | Top Lodge Pembury Road, Capel |
| - Two storey side extension (LB) | |
| 12/01465/LBC | Top Lodge Pembury Road, Capel |
| - Listed Building Consent: Two storey side extension (LB) | |
| 12/01458/FUL | 4 Molyneux Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden |
| - Single-storey timber-clad garden room (CA) | |
| 12/01485/FUL | 121-123 Mount Pleasant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden |
| - Change of use from A1 Shop to A1/A3 Shop/cafe (CA) | |
| 12/01431/LBC | Lowlands Farm Sand Lane, Frittenden |
| - Listed Building Consent: Partial demolition and reconstruction of rear wall to detached garage (LB) | |
| 12/01388/HOUSE | Finchurst Cottage Summerhill, Goudhurst |
| - Extension of time planning permission reference TW/09/01635: Two-storey side extension (LB) | |
| 12/01511/HOUSE | Church Farm Church Road, Goudhurst |
| - Single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension and chimney to side elevation (CA) | |
| 12/01468/LBC | School House Farm School House Lane, Horsmonden |
| - Listed Building Consent: Alteration to previously approved listed building consent to include partially rebuilding the catwalk roof, altering the number of dormer windows from 3 to 2, retention of existing porch and staircase, and less internal works (TW/11/01094/LBC refers) (LB) | |
| 12/01448/HOUSE | Warrington Farmhouse Church Road, Paddock Wood |
| - Two bay oak framed detached garage (LB) | |
| 12/01467/HOUSE | 3 Mascalls Park Paddock Wood, Paddock Wood |
| - First floor front extension, two-storey side extension and single-storey side extension (LB) | |
| 12/01470/FUL | 89 Frant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks |
| - Change of use and conversion of redundant hotel to single family residence. Garage extension with staff accommodation over. External alterations. Swimming pool in rear garden. Formation of new crossover and closing up of existing crossover as permitted under TW/10/03429 (CA) | |
| 11/03878/HOUSE | 21 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park |
| - Replacement gates (CA) (LB) | |
| 11/03879/LBC | 21 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park |
| - Listed Building Consent: Replacement gates (LB) | |
| 12/01478/FUL | Sucheera 71 Calverley Road, Park |
| - Alteration to shop front and replacement of rear modern french doors with bifolding doors (CA)(LB) | |
| 12/01482/LBC | Sucheera 71 Calverley Road, Park |
| - Listed Building Consent: Alteration to shop front, internal alterations and replacement of rear modern french doors with bifolding doors (LB) | |
| 12/01489/FUL | Evans Ltd 45 - 47 Calverley Road, Park |
| - Replacement of existing tiles on shopfront stall riser and pilaster. Repainting of fascia (CA) | |

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 02 June 2012



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND
CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 18 JUNE 2012.

SW/12/0439:
Change of use from commercial offices to private dwelling (5 in total), extend length of north facing dormers to accommodate Juliet balconies and additional windows in flank elevation - Bedford House, Holywell Lane, UPCHURCH; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0504:
New two storey detached dwelling and associated detached garage - Redwood, Bexon Lane, BREDGAR; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0559:
Two storey addition above existing ground floor addition to provide enlarged accommodation to two existing flats - 15 High Street, Blue Town, SHEERNESS; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0636:
Change of use and construction of live & work unit comprising West Fish Shop, Oyster Purification Facility and living accommodation over - Fishermans Yard, r/o 4-18 The Street, OARE; **REASONS 4 & 6**

SW/12/0637 & SW/12/0638:
Demolition of existing building and erection of 3 three bedroom dwellings and 1 four bedroom dwelling (4 in total) in a mews format with new access parking and amenity space - 62 High Street, NEWINGTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0654 & SW/12/0655:
Removal of existing windows and doors and replace with new box sash windows, removal of front door & frame and two pairs of French doors (to rear elevation) and replace with new timber doors and frames - 37 Ospringe Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0657 & SW/12/0658:
Redevelopment of barn to form a single dwelling with attached garage and store - Gibbens Barn, Gibbens Farm, BREDGAR; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0674:
Single storey rear extension with new porch and drop curb for driveway - 9 Priory Row, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0680 & SW/12/0688:
Replacement conservatory - Apple Tree Cottage, School Lane, STALISFIELD; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0702:
Four bedroom detached house with associated parking - Land adj to 157 Peregrine Drive, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 4**

SW/12/0709:
Erection of oak framed smoking shelter - Plough Inn, Lewson Street, NORTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
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PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

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Y12/0434/SH+ - Garage House Ashford Road Newingreen Hythe Kent - Erection of two storey side and rear extension, including external staircase to existing building, internal and external alterations to existing building, and change of use of site from car sales, servicing, repairs and residential to offices and workshop for construction company with associated forecourt car parking.

Y12/0486/SH - Doghouse Farm Stone Street Petham Canterbury Kent - Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension.

Y12/0485/SH - Doghouse Farm Stone Street Petham Canterbury Kent - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Y10/0698/SH* - Romney Marsh Potato Co Ltd Cockreod Lane New Romney Kent TN28 8TN - Outline application for 48 houses and 8 home worker houses (live work) including rotation of an existing dwelling (Greenacres) and off site highway works to Rolfe Lane

Y12/0395/SH - Hill View Cottage Exted Hill Elham Canterbury Kent - Section 73 application to vary conditions 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 of planning permission Y10/0778/SH in relation to the approved equestrian use.

Y12/0409/SH* - Unit 16 Mountfield Road Mountfield Industrial Estate New Romney Kent - Change of use and conversion of the existing building from a builders merchant (Class B8) to an indoor football facility (Class D2).

Y12/0471/SH - Flat 3 29 Grimston Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2PX - Installation of replacement uPVC windows.3

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

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Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Sites Plan Consultation 28th May - 23rd July 2012

Kent County Council is preparing a suite of new documents for the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

This Mineral Sites Plan and the Waste Sites Plan consultation at preferred options' stage is the second time we have asked for your views as part of the process of preparing these plans. The responses from the 2011 consultations have helped the site assessment and selection process. Both documents identify the best and most sustainable sites now needed by Kent for minerals and waste management up to the end of 2030.

There are 25 preferred option sites for mineral supply, and 21 preferred option sites for waste management.

We would like to know your views on these preferred options. The responses we receive from this round of consultations will help us prepare the final plans.

A series of drop-in sessions is being arranged at several community venues around the county during June. Each session will give you an opportunity to discuss the consultation with planning officers from Kent County Council.

Details of where and when sessions will be held are below.

Date	Time	Place	Address
06/06/2012	3.30pm-7pm	Badgers Mount Memorial Hall	Highland Road, TN14 7AH
12/06/2012	9am-1pm	Sandwich Guildhall	Cattle Market, CT13 9AH.
12/06/2012	3pm-6pm	Teynham Village Hall	Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU
14/06/2012	9am-1pm	Lydd Guildhall	High Street, TN29 9AF.
15/06/2012	9am-1pm	Thistle Hill Community Centre	Laurel Road, Minster on Sea, ME12 3TC
18/06/2012	9am-1pm	Oare Village Hall	35 Church Road, Faversham, ME13 0QA
18/06/2012	3pm-7pm	Ditton Community Centre (Acorn)	Kilnbarn Road, Aylesford, ME20 6AH
19/06/2012	2pm-6pm	Fleetdown Community Centre	Swaledale Road, Dartford, DA2 6JZ
20/06/2012	9am-1pm	Charing Parish Hall	Station Road, TN27 0JA
21/06/2012	2pm-7pm	Lenham Community Centre	Groom Way, ME17 2QT
26/06/2012	4.30pm-7pm	Postling Village Hall	Postling, near Hythe, CE21 4EU
27/06/2012	9am-1pm	Platt Memorial Hall	Maidstone Road, TN15 8JJ
28/06/2012	9am-1pm	East Peckham Community Hall	The Playing Field, Pippin Road, TN12 5BT

To view the documents and to submit your views on the consultation, we recommend that you use the consultation portal kent.gov.uk/consultations

If you prefer, you can email your comments to mwd@kent.gov.uk or write to the MWLP Project Team, Planning and Environment, Kent County Council, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX.

You can inspect copies of the main consultation documents at Kent County Council offices, as well as in Gateways and libraries around Kent.

Lillian Harrison Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Manager

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00686/FUL: Pear Tree Cottage, Seaton Road, Ickham, CT3 1RU Side/rear extension to bungalow. **Applicant: Mr Butler**
Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00753/ADV: 10-11 Sun Street, Canterbury, CT1 2HX Replacement externally illuminated fascia and hanging sign. **Applicant: Traqus Holdings Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00765/FUL: Land rear of Pilgrims Mede, Summer Hill, Harbledown, CT2 8NJ Application for a new planning permission to replace planning permission CA/08/01111/HAR for the erection of detached dwelling with associated parking in order to extend the time limit for implementation. **Applicant: William King Homes Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00808/TPO: Flat 4, Luxmoore House, 75 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DZ Works in respect of replanting Lime trees and a crown reduction to the Walnut tree subject of TPO No 12 of 1975. **Applicant: Mr Wayne Durnford** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00809/FUL: The Lodge, Golden Hills Farm, Bushy Hill Road, Westbere, CT2 0HE Single-storey extensions to side and front. **Applicant: Mrs Eastwood** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00817/FUL: 73 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5LB Retention of two windows in riverside elevation. **Applicant: Mr Malkin**
Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00818/LB: 73 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5LB Retention of two windows in riverside elevation. **Applicant: Mr Malkin**
Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/00825/ADV: 34-36 Sea Street, Herne Bay, CT6 8SP Installation of two internally illuminated fascia signs and one internally illuminated projecting sign. **Applicant: Tesco Stores Limited** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00844/FUL: Canterbury Magistrates Court, Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2UE Replacement barriers to flat roof. **Applicant: Ministry of Justice** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00847/TPO: Bellflower Mews, New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3BL Erection of cycle store. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Dover Heights Limited** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00857/ADV: 19 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2TH Installation of non-illuminated hanging sign. **Applicant: County Clothes**
Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA/12/00889/TPO: Luxmore Lodge, 75 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DZ Felling of two Sycamores (Acer Pseudoplatanus) trees in rear garden. **Applicant: Miss P Walsh** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00890/VAR: Canterbury College, New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AJ Variation of condition 09 of planning permission CA/04/00910/CAN to allow erection of temporary buildings and temporary contractor's compound on part of car park. **Applicant: Canterbury College** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00918/FUL: Newingate House, 16-17 Lower Bridge Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LG Erection of boundary railings and gates. **Applicant: GAU The American University** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 25 June 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 1 June 2012

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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/0328/N - 56, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Change of use of ground floor from Class A1 (retail) use to Class A5 (takeaway) use with installation of rear ducting. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0397/S - BARN ON LAND AT OAST HOUSE COTTAGE, BARN HILL, HUNTON, KENT - Amendments to planning permission MA/98/0032 (conversion of barn to a single dwelling) being installation of two conservation roof lights to eastern elevation and alterations to internal layout. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0398/S - BARN ON LAND AT OAST HOUSE COTTAGE, BARN HILL, HUNTON, KENT - Amendments to Listed Building Consent MA/97/1737 (Listed Building Consent for conversion of barn to a single dwelling) being installation of two conservation roof lights to eastern elevation and alterations to internal layout. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0635/N - THE WINDMILL AND MOUNT PLEASANT, BULL HILL, LENHAM HEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2JA - Reconstruction of windmill tower, erection of single-storey extension and lower-ground extension, erection of a detached garage block, construction of repositioned driveway, and earthworks to create recessed garden and raise the land level to the rear of Mount Pleasant. **Reason: 7**

MA/12/0650/S - TWO OAST PADDOCK, WEST SIDE, SALTS LANE, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BD - Construction of riding arena for private use. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0651/N - LEEDS CASTLE, ASHFORD ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PL - Reconfiguration of west path to sundial area within main courtyard. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0667/S - HEATHSIDE HOUSE, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AH - Refurbishment of car park and installation of 4(no) 3m high lighting columns. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0708/S - ORCHARD DENE COTTAGE, HUNTON ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9SL - Erection of two storey rear extension, side porch and single storey side extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0717/S - FOSSE BANK, VICARAGE ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6DS - Erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage, widened access and associated works. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0726/S - LITTLE ULCOMBE, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, SUTTON VALENCE, KENT, ME17 3DZ - Erection of a two storey side extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0727/S - LITTLE ULCOMBE, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, SUTTON VALENCE, KENT, ME17 3DZ - An application for listed building consent for the erection of a two storey side extension and internal alterations. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0730/S - MORRY FARM, MORRY LANE, EAST SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3DR - Erection of steel framed agricultural building with solar photovoltaic panels to south roof slope. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0742/S - LODDINGTON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AD - Change of use and conversion of first floor from Class D1 to Class C3 to form one self contained flat. **Reason: 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **17th June 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 3rd June 2012



PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

VILLAGE GREENS -
IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF
LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. T. Simmons under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

If the Registration Authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a Town or Village Green, it will so register the land.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration, may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221628 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to Miss. Melanie McNeir at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, **so as to arrive no later than Monday 16th July 2012. Please quote reference VGA640.** Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 3.7 acres (1.5 hectares) in size, situated at the junction of Stanley Road and Albion Road in the parish of Marden. The application site excludes the pavilion and its immediate surrounds, the tennis courts and other outbuildings on the application site.

VILLAGE GREENS -
IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF
LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. G. Rickett under

section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

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Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 2.4 acres (0.9 hectares) in size, situated to the rear of property numbers 1 to 21 Ursuline Drive at Westgate on Sea.

VILLAGE GREENS -
IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF
LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. E. Bates under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

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Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 2.5 acres (1 hectare) in size, situated at the junction of Church Road and Back Lane in the parish of Goudhurst.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF
TONBRIDGE & MALLING AND
TUNBRIDGE WELLS**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MR551,
MR552, MR552A, MR553, MR554, MR555/WT170,
MR557, MR557A, MR558/WT183 AND WT172****IN THE PARISHES OF CAPEL AND EAST PECKHAM**

(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MR551, MR552, MR552A, MR553, MR554, MR555/WT170, MR557, MR557A, MR558/WT183 AND WT172)

**(PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984,
SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 AND
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTIONS 16A
- C AS INSERTED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
(SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 1.**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpaths:

MR551 between National Grid Reference NGR TQ 667 473 & NGR 669 478

MR552 between NGR 669 474 & the River Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547)

MR552A between NGR 669 474 & NGR 667 473 (junction with public footpath MR554),

MR553 between Banbridges Road and NGR 673 477

MR553 between NGR 670 476 & NGR 668 476 (public footpath MR551)

MR554 between NGR 667 473 & NGR 667 474 (public footpath MR551)

MR555/WT170 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 657 470

MR557 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 659 471

MR557A between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 664 471

MR558/WT183 between NGR 663 471 & NGR 665 469

WT172 between NGR 665 469 & NGR 665 470

The paths will be closed for a maximum of 22 days from the 16 June until the 7 July 2012, because works are planned on or near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users. It is expected that some routes will be closed later and reopened earlier.

The paths will be closed 29 June to the 1 July, inclusive, under the provisions of the Special Events Act 1994, to facilitate the holding of the Hop Farm Festival 2012.

Safe alternative routes will be available and waymarked for the duration of the closure.

A map showing both the routes closed and the alternative routes available may be viewed at kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

For detailed enquiries please contact:

Michele Snoding or David Munn

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 3rd June 2012

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on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

KENT POLICE AUTHORITY
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Sections 14 and 15 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003:-

- From 18 June 2012 to 13 July 2012, between the hours of 10am and 4pm, Mondays to Fridays, any person interested, on application to the Treasurer at the Kent Police Authority, Gail House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6NB, may inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named authority for the year ended 31st March 2012, and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, and receipts relating thereto.
- From 16 July 2010 until the audit is closed local government electors for the area to which the accounts relate may exercise their rights under sections 15 and 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to question the auditor about or make objections to the accounts. The external auditor, Darren Wells, can be contacted at: Audit Commission, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4HQ.



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Notice team on **01303 817044**

PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

H. APPS trading as Excell Electrical Event Solutions of 7 Castweaze, Rolvenden Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6UA is applying for a licence to use Fridd Farm, Betersden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3DX as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004****APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover**
Applicant: **Julia Bensted**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives
Kent History and Library Centre
James Whatman Way
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ



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HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

**A2042 BAD MUNSTEREIFEL ROAD, ASHFORD
(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce whilst gas mains replacement works are being carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary eastbound mandatory speed limit of 40 mph on the A2042 Bad Munstereifel Road, Ashford.

The section of road affected is on the eastbound carriageway, from the junction with Romney Marsh Road to where it becomes designated as the A2070 Trunk Road.

This Order comes into force on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed, and applies when the relevant speed limit signs are displayed on site.

**BOND ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway works prior to resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bond Road, Ashford, on or after 22 June 2012, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with William Road and Jemmett Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Jemmett Road, B2229 Beaver Lane and Beaver Road.

Access to Mayhew Close and Grantley Close will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

**BROMLEY GREEN ROAD, RUCKINGE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Ashford Road.

The alternative route is via Ashford Road, Capel Road and Bromley Green Road.

**HIGH STREET, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to the granite setts in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Ashford, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with North Street and Wellesley Road.

The alternative route is via North Street, Park Street, Edinburgh Road, A292 Somerset Road and Wellesley Road.

The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between North Street and Wellesley Road to allow access from either direction, up to the point of closure.

**ULLEY ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to lay a new electricity cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ulley Road, Ashford, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Faversham Road.

The alternative route is via Faversham Road and Upper Vicarage Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**CHURCH LANE, SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install traffic calming measures, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Seasalter, Whitstable, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junction with Heritage Close and the entrance to Rowan Tree Park, with no access for through traffic between the A299 / A2990 Thanet Way and the junction with Faversham Road.

The alternative route is via A2290 (Old) Thanet Way, B2205 Borstal Hill, Joy Lane and Faversham Road.

**STATION ROAD, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow the safe use of a crane to lift building materials onto a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road, Whitstable, on or after 11 June 2012, as detailed below.

There will be one closure during week commencing 11 June 2012 and one closure during week commencing 18 June 2012.

The specific closure dates will be advised locally and signposted on site.

Each closure will be for up to 1 day, within the hours of 8.30 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 89.

The alternative route is via Westmead Road and Diamond Road.

**ST DUNSTAN'S STREET, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to lay phone ducting in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Dunstan's Street (Whitstable Road), Canterbury, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the mini-roundabout junction with London Road and the junction with Forty Acres Road.

The alternative routes are via

London Road, A2050 Harbledown By-Pass, Palmers Cross Hill, Rough Common Road, A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill and Whitstable Road

or via Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road, B2248 St Stephen's Hill, St Stephen's Road, Station Road West and St Dunstan's Street.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dartford

**BOB DUNN WAY, RENNIE DRIVE AND MARSH STREET
NORTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic to accommodate the Bridge Triathlon, on Bob Dunn Way, on or after 24 June 2012 for up to 1 day and to accommodate the Midnight Man Triathlon on 18th August 2012 for 2 days on Bob Dunn Way, Rennie Drive and Marsh Street North or until the event have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no East bound access for through traffic for the Bridge Triathlon on the 24th June 2012 from the hours of 5:00am to 10:00am and for the Midnight man Triathlon on 18th to 19th August from the hours of 18:00pm to 05:00am

The alternative route is via Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Home Gardens, East Hill, The Brent and Cotton Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**GLEN ROAD, KINGSDOWN, DEAL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Glen Road, Kingsdown, Deal, on or after 23 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from The Rise to north of the junction with Osborne Road.

Planned work times will be between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route is via The Rise, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road, Grams Road, Liverpool Road, Granville Road, Cecil Road, Kingsdown Road, Cliffe Road and Upper Street.

Some of the side roads will be closed at their junctions with Glen Road as the works progress, with local diversions.

**THE RISE, KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Rise, Kingsdown, on or after 10 June 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

HIGHWAYS - East Kent

**VARIOUS ROADS, EAST KENT (SURFACE DRESSING)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit through traffic on the roads detailed below.

The Order will become effective on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 2 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates for each road closure are shown below. Works will be carried out within the hours of 7.00 am and 7.00 pm, unless otherwise stated.

A further closure will be needed on each road for up to one day, approximately 7 days after original closure, to carry out road sweeping and lining.

The closure dates will be displayed by signage on site 7 days in advance. The closures will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the timetable shown below. However, adverse weather conditions may prevent some roads being surfaced on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled later on in the programme, with new dates notified locally and signposted on site.

Where No Through Roads are closed, every effort will be made to maintain as much access as is safely possible. Roads are listed by District, in the order they are planned to be carried out.

SWALE

PLOUGH ROAD, EASTCHURCH - between Eastchurch Road and Warden Road

6th June 2012

Alternative route via Eastchurch Road, Lower Road, High Street and Warden Road

WARDWELL LANE, NEWINGTON - between School Lane and High Oak Hill

6th June 2012

Alternative route via School Lane, The Street, Breach Lane, Boxted Lane & School Lane

WISES LANE, BORDEN - between Maylam Gardens and The Street

6th June 2012

Alternative route via London Road, Borden Lane & The Street

DEANS BOTTOM, BREDGAR - between Pett Lane and Kennel Barn Road

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Pett Lane, South Green Lane & Kennel Barn Road

KENNEL BARN ROAD, BREDGAR - between South Green Lane and Deans Hill Road

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Deans Bottom, Pett Lane and South Green Lane

DEANS HILL ROAD, BREDGAR - between Kennel Barn Road and Blind Mary's Lane

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Kennel Barn Road, South Green Lane, Bicknor Road, Swanton Street and Blind Mary's Lane

CONYER QUAY, TEYNHAM - from Conyer Road, for its entire length

7th June 2012

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac; limited access may be possible when this is safe

THROWLEY ROAD, THROWLEY - between the entrance to Belmont Park Estate and Almshouse Road

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Hayward's Hill, Stalisfield Road, Church Road, Pettfield Hill Road and Almshouse Road

PERRY WOOD, SELLING - the section from Selling Court Farm heading south eastwards towards "Three Beeches"

8th June 2012

Alternative route via Beeches Road and Perry Wood

MONKSHILL ROAD, HERNHILL - between Seasalter Road and Waterham Road

8th June 2012

Alternative routes

Westbound via Highstreet Road, overbridge to A229 Thanet Way (London bound), Thanet Way, Staple Street, Staple Street Road, Head Hill, Head Hill Road and Seasalter Road.

Eastbound via Seasalter Road, Head Hill Road, Head Hill, Whitstable Road, A229 Thanet Way (coast-bound) and Highstreet Road.

CANTERBURY

BOGSHOLE ROAD / GOLDEN HILL, WHITSTABLE - between A290 Clapham Hill and the 30 mph sign at the junction with Golden Hill

8th June 2012

Alternative route via A290 Clapham Hill and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way

SOUTH STREET, WHITSTABLE - between Chestfield Road and Millstrood Road.

12th June 2012

Alternative route via Millstrood Road, Chestfield Road and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way

NORTH STREAM, CHISLET - between Boyden Gate Hill and the bridge over the Thanet Way

12th June 2012

Alternative route via Brook Lane, Reculver Lane, Sweeneybridge Road, Heart in Hand Road, Ford Hill, Highstead and Boyden Gate Hill

CHITTY LANE, CHISLET - for its entire length

12th June 2012

Alternative route via Church Lane

CONYNGHAM LANE, BRIDGE - for its entire length

13th June 2012

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac; every effort will be made to allow access and liaison will be been carried out with the school

ASHFORD

COLDBRIDGE LANE, EGERTON - between Pemples Cross and Coldbridge Farm

13th June 2012

Alternative route via Egerton House Road, Coach Road, Boughton Road, Church Road and Woodcock Lane

MUNDAY BOIS ROAD, EGERTON - between Rock Hill Road and The Pinnock

13th June 2012

Alternative route via The Pinnock, Smarden Road, Egerton Road, New Road and Rock Hill Road

FRITTENDEN ROAD / HAREPLAIN ROAD, BIDDENDEN - between A274 Headcorn Road and A262 Sissinghurst Road

14th June 2012

Alternative routes via Hareplain Road, A262 Sissinghurst Road, High Street, A274 North Street, Headcorn Road and Frittenden Road

MOONS GREEN, WITTERSHAM - for its entire length

15th June 2012

Alternative route via Palstre Court Road, B2082 Poplar Road and Swan Street

BECKETT ROAD, APPLEDORE - between Rhee Wall Road and Becket's Bridge

15th June 2012

Alternative route via B2080 Rhee Wall, Station Road, A259 Hastings Road / Straight Lane/ Guldeford Road

CAPEL ROAD, ORLESTONE - between Hamstreet Road and Dynes Lane

16th June 2012

Alternative route via Ashford Road, The Street, Cock Lane, Ruckinge Road, Hamstreet Road, Bilsington Road, Ashford Road, Stone Cross Road

DYNES LANE, BILSINGTON - for its entire length

17th June 2012

Alternative route via Stone Cross Road, Ashford Road

BROCKMANS LANE, KINGSNORTH & CHEQUER TREE FARM ROAD, MERSHAM - between Finn Farm Road and Frith Road

17th June 2012

Alternative route via Finn Farm Road, Cheesemans Green Road, Swanton Lane, Coopers Lane

MANOR POUND LANE, BRABOURNE - in phases between Canterbury Road and Weekes Lane/ Green Lane

20th June 2012

The alternative routes depend where the road is closed, as follows

Whist closed between Canterbury Road and Lees Road, via Canterbury Road, Woolpack Hill, Lees Road

Whist closed between Lees Road and Weekes Lane, via Manor Pound Lane, Canterbury Road, The Street, Canterbury Road, Pilgrims Way, Hampton Lane, Plumpton

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SOUTH HILL & TAMLEY LANE, HASTINGLEIGH - between New Barn Road and The Street
21st June 2012
Alternative route via New Barn Road and The Street

SHEPWAY

HOOK WALL BRENZETT - between Hook Lane and Ashentree Lane
21st June 2012
Alternative route via Hook Lane, A259 Rye Road, Brookland By-pass, Royal Oak Lane, Clubbs Lane, Bormans Lane, Barnhouse Lane, and Ashentree Lane

KINGS STREET, BRENZETT - between Carter Lane and Rhee Wall
21st June 2012
Alternative route via King Street, Rectory Lane, A259 Brookland Bypass and B2o8o Rhee Wall

CHURCH LANE, BRENZETT - between Ashford Road and Butler Lane
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via Ashford Road and Butler Lane

BUTLER LANE, BRENZETT - between Church Lane and Ashford Road
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via Church Lane and Ashford Road

CUCKOLDS LANE, SNARGATE - for its entire length
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via B2o8o Rhee Wall Road and Arrowhead Lane

NEWCHURCH - the un-named road from Newchurch to Eastbridge Road / Giggers Green Road, for its entire length
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via Giggers Green, Knoll Hill, Bonnington Road and Newchurch Road

B2o63 NORTH ROAD & WEST ROAD, SHORNCLIFFE, FOLKESTONE - between Hospital Hill and Military Road
25th June 2012
Alternative route via Hospital Hill, A259 Seabrook Road, Sandgate Esplanade, Sandgate High Street and Military Road

SANDLING ROAD, POSTLING - between A2o Ashford Road (Postling Wents) and Canterbury Road (Newbarn)
25th June 2012
Alternative route via A2o Ashford Road, Beachborough and Canterbury Road.

ELVINGTON LANE, HAWKINGE - between Aerodrome Road and Crete Road West
26th June 2012
Alternative route via Aerodrome Road, A26o Spitfire Way, White Horse Hill, Canterbury Road and Crete Road West

STANDEN LANE, HAWKINGE - between Alkham Valley Road and Cowgate Lane
26th June 2012
Alternative route via Alkham Valley Road, A26o White Horse Hill, Canterbury Road, The Street And Cowgate Lane

SKETE ROAD, LYMINGE - for its entire length
26th June 2012
There is no alternative route and limited access will be maintained when safe to do so

GREEN LANE/HEMPSTEAD LANE, LYMINGE - between B2o68 Stone Street and The Minnis
26th June 2012
Alternative route via B2o68 Stone Street, Mockbeggar and The Minnis.

LYMBRIDGE GREEN, STOWTING - between Stone Street and Big Pett
27th June 2012
Alternative route via B2o68 Stone Street, Peace Lane and Stowting Hill

BOYKE LANE, LYMINGE - between Canterbury Road and White Horse Lane
27th June 2012
Alternative route via Canterbury Road, Longage Hill and White Horse Lane

VICARAGE LANE & LICKPOT HILL, ELHAM - between junction of New Road and junction with Oak Hill
27th June 2012
Alternative route via New Road, Canterbury Road, Beresforstal Hill and Oak Hill.

STUD FARM LANE, ELHAM - between Beech Lane and Park Gate Road
27th June 2012
Alternative route via Fir Tree Hill and Beech Villa Lane

DROVEWAY/ CLAVERTYE, ELHAM - between Wheelbarrow Town and the junction with Exted Hill
28th June 2012
Alternative route via High Minnis, Gate Lane, Chapel Lane and Mount Top

CURTIS LANE, STELLING MINNIS - between Stone Street and Bossingham Road
28th June 2012
Alternative route via Bossingham Road, Wheelbarrow Town, High Minnis, Mockbeggar and B2o68 Stone Street.

WHATSOLE STREET, ELMSTEAD - the un-named section of road extending from Whatsole Street, between Elchin Hill and Dean Bottom
28th June 2012
Alternative route via Dean Bottom, Dean Hill, Thorn Lane, B2o68 Stone Street, Lymbridge Green and Big Pett

DOVER

WINEHOUSE LANE, CAPEL-LE-FERNE - between Capel Street and New Dover Road
29th June 2012
Alternative route via Capel Street and New Dover Road

CAPEL STREET, CAPEL-LE-FERNE - between Ingleton Wood Road and bridge
29th June 2012
Alternative route via Hurst Lane, Cauldham Lane, Hockley Sole, Alkham Valley Road, Meggett Lane

SWANTON LANE, LYDDEN - between Swanton Court Farm and Lydden Hill
30th June 2012
Alternative route via Lydden Hill, Geddinge Lane, Wootton Lane, Stockham Lane and Swanton Lane

WOOTTON LANE, DENTON - between Stockham Lane and Dumbrill Hill
30th June 2012
Alternative routes - **northbound** via Stockham Lane, A26o Canterbury Road, A2 Dover Road and Geddinge Lane - **westbound** via Dumbrill Hill, A2 Dover Road, A26o Canterbury Road and Stockham Lane.

FERNFIELD LANE, ALKHAM including part of **Little Everden Road** - between The Street, Hawkinge and Chalksole Green Lane
1st July 2012
Alternative route via Fernfield Lane, Cowgate Lane, Standen Lane, Alkham Valley Road, Slip Lane, Green Wood Slip and Chalksole Green Lane

THORNTON LANE, EASTRY - between Heronden Road and Thornton Road
2nd July 2012
Alternative route via Heronden Road, Sandwich Road, Rose Hill, Thornton Road, Pike Road, Lower Street and Mill Lane

GOLF ROAD, DEAL - between Ethelbert Road and The Chequers Public House
2nd July 2012
There is no alternative route and limited access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so

MILL LANE, SHEPHERDSWELL - between Coldred Road and Shepherdswell Road
3rd July 2012
Alternative route via Church Hill, Shepherdswell Road, Chapel Hill, Coldred Road, Church Road and Coldred Road

KENNEL HILL, EYTHORNE - between Monkton Court Lane and Sandwich Road
3rd July 2012
Alternative route via Sandwich Road, Barville Road, A256 Whitfield By-pass and Sandwich Road

ABBEY ROAD, LANGDON & FORGE LANE, SUTTON - between the Roman Road north of Pineham and Wingleton Lane.
4th July 2012 for 2 days
Alternative route via Church Hill, Downs Road, Homestead Lane, Chapel Lane, Waldershare Road, Sandwich Road and Church Whitfield Road

WINGLETON LANE, SUTTON - between Sutton Lane and Forge Lane
6th July 2012
Alternative route via Vale Road, Forge Lane, Waterworks Hill, Waterworks Lane, The Street, Ringwould Road, Ripple Road, Crooked S Road, Chapel Lane and Sutton Road

LUCERNE LANE, LANGDON - between the junction with Old Roman Road and The Street, Martin
6th July 2012

Alternative route via East Langdon Road, The Street East Langdon, Church Lane, East Langdon Road, The Street Guston, The Lane, Hangman's Lane, A258 Deal Road, Front Street, Sutton Lane and Ringwould Road

RICHBOROUGH ROAD, SANDWICH - between the property called Trevone and Cop Street Road
7th July 2012 for 2 days
Alternative route via Cop Street Road, A257 Ash By-pass, The Causeway, Ash Road and Richborough Road

GLEN ROAD, KINGSDOWN and LIVERPOOL ROAD, WALMER - from north of the junction with Osborne Road to Grams Road
7th July 2012

Alternative route via Liverpool Road, Granville Road, Kingsdown Road, Upper Street, The Rise, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road and Grams Road

THE STREET, NORTHBOURNE - between Deal Road and Northbourne Road
7th July 2012
Alternative route via Deal Road, Willow Road and Northbourne Lane

UPDOWN ROAD, NORTHBOURNE - between Northbourne Road and Ham Lane
7th July 2012

Alternative route via Updown Road, Hay Lane, Hay Hill, Brook Street, Lower Street, Dover Road, A256 Eastry Bypass, Northbourne Road, Northbourne Lane and Hay Lane.

AGESTER LANE, DENTON - for its entire length
8th July 2012
Alternative route via the road from North Elham Hill to Bunkers Hill, North Elham Hill, Golden Hill, Reece Lane, A26o Canterbury Road and The Street

WESTCOURT ROAD, SHEPHERDSWELL - between the A2 and Westcourt Lane
8th July 2012
Alternative route via Westcourt Lane, Wick Lane, A2 Dover Road, Coxhill Road, Westcourt Lane

THANET

NASH ROAD, MARGATE - between Haine Road and Shottendane Road
9th July 2012
Alternative route via Tivoli Road, Beatrice Road, Ramsgate Road, Chapel Hill, Ramsgate Road and Haine Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

ST JAMES ROAD, GRAVESEND- (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on St James Road, Gravesend between its junction with Darnley Road and St James Street.

The Order will become effective on 6th June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 day, between 07:00hrs - 17:00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Darnley Road, New Road, Overcliff and St James Street.

The purpose of the closure is to provide a safe working site for operatives.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

LINCOLN ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lincoln Road, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Northumberland Road, Cumberland Avenue, Norfolk Road.

LIVERTON HILL, BOUGHTON MALHERBE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Liverton Hill, Boughton Malherbe, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Woodcock Lane and Green Lane.

The alternative route is via Church Road, Boughton Road, Lenham Heath Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 18th June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	Pleasure House Lane, East Sutton
Extent:	Chartway Street to East Sutton Road
Dates:	Start: 18th June 2012 End: 22nd June 2012
Diversion:	East Sutton Road, Workhouse Lane, Chartway Street
Road Name:	Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst
Extent:	Maidstone Road to Headcorn Road
Dates:	Start: 18th June 2012 End: 22nd June 2012
Diversion:	Maidstone Road, Station Road, Headcorn Road

Road Name:	Pitt Road, Broomfield and Kingswood
Extent:	Chartway Street to Gravelly Bottom Road
Dates:	Start: 2nd July 2012 End: 6th July 2012
Diversion:	Gravelly Bottom Road, Ulcombe Road, Leeds Road, Maidstone Road, Chartway Street

Road Name:	East Hall Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent:	Hermitage Lane to Weirton Road
Dates:	Start: 2nd July 2012 End: 6th July 2012
Diversion:	Hermitage Lane, Weirton Hill, Weirton Road

Road Name:	Grave Lane, Staplehurst
Extent:	Clapper Lane to Summer Hill Road
Dates:	Start: 5th July 2012 End: 6th July 2012
Diversion:	Burberry Lane, Summer Hill Road, A229 Maidstone Road, Clapper Lane, Carpenters Lane

Road Name:	Gore Court Road, Otham
Extent:	Sutton Road to White Horse Lane
Dates:	Start: 9th July 2012 End: 13th July 2012
Diversion:	Willington Street, Deringwood Drive, Church Road

Road Name:	Lower Farm Road, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent:	Stile Bridge Lane to Chart Hill Road
Dates:	Start: 9th July 2012 End: 13th July 2012
Diversion:	Stilebridge Lane, Linton Hill, Staplehurst Road, Chart Hill Road

Road Name:	New House Lane, Headcorn
Extent:	Water Lane to Bletchenden Road
Dates:	Start: 16th July 2012 End: 20th July 2012
Diversion:	Water Lane, Moat Road, North Street, High Street, Biddenden Road, Bletchenden Road

Road Name:	Hermitage Lane, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent:	Long Lane to Chart Hill Road
Dates:	Start:16th July 2012 End: 20th July 2012
Diversion:	Long Lane, Lower Farm Road, Chart Hill Road

Road Name:	Tattlebury Lane, Headcorn
Extent:	A274 Maidstone Road to Ulcombe Road
Dates:	Start: 24th July 2012 End: 27th July 2012
Diversion:	A274 Maidstone Road, Mill Bank, Kings Road, Ulcombe Road

Road Name:	White Horse Lane, Otham
Extent:	Gore Court Lane to Honey Lane
Dates:	Start: 1st October 2012 End: 5th October 2012
Diversion:	Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name:	Otham Street, Otham
Extent:	Honey Lane to Caring Road
Dates:	Start: 8th October 2012 End: 12th October 2012
Diversion:	Caring Road, Caring Lane, Back Street, Avery Lane, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name:	Honey Lane, Otham
Extent:	Simmonds Lane to White Horse Lane
Dates:	Start: 15th October 2012 End: 19th October 2012
Diversion:	White Horse Lane, Sutton Road, New Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway patching works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call Gemma Catt on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Sevenoaks

HILLINGDON AVENUE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Hillingdon Avenue, Sevenoaks at the Junction with Seal Road.

The Order will become effective on 3rd June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for use when required for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are due to commence on 4th June 2012 and are planned to last 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for this diversion will be via: Seal Hollow Road and Seal Road and vice versa.

The purpose of the restriction is to facilitate a gas mains replacement.

For further information, please contact
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on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



**PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING TRAINING DAY -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
(SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event takes place on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads in Sevenoaks as noted in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

The Order will become effective on 17th June 2012 and the event is to take place on 19th June 2012 with closures in place from 10:00 hrs to 21:00hrs. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs in operation.

Schedule 1

The following Roads will be closed:

Road Name:	A20 London Road, Farningham
Restriction:	Prohibition of Traffic
Extent:	From just north of it's junction with Scratchers Lane to the junction with the entrance to Brands Hatch race circuit.
Road Name:	Scratchers Lane, Fawkham
Restriction:	Prohibition of Traffic
Extent:	From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road
Road Name:	Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown
Restriction:	Prohibition of Traffic
Extent:	From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratchers Lane
Road Name:	Three Gates Road, Fawkham
Restriction:	Prohibition of Traffic
Extent:	Closed at its junction with Scratchers Lane.
Road Name:	Brands Hatch Road, Fawkham
Restriction:	Prohibition of Traffic
Extent:	Closed at its junction with Fawkham Road.

Schedule 2

Parking and No Waiting Restrictions:-

Road Name:	Scratchers Lane, Fawkham
Restriction:	Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012
Extent:	From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road.
Road Name:	Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown
Restriction:	Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012
Extent:	From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratchers Lane.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Southbound: A20 London Road, A225 Eynsford Road, A225 High Street, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Otford Road, A25 Seal Road, A25 High Street, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, A25 Borough Green Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A20 London Road.

Northbound: A20 London Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Borough Green Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 High Street, A25 Seal Road, A225 Otford Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 High Street, A225 Eynsford Road, A20 London Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Paralympic Road Cycling Training Day Event.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CHEVENING AND RIVERHEAD)
(WIDTH RESTRICTION)
CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local traffic authority has made the above named Order under section 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984.

The effect of the Order will introduce a 6 foot-6 inch (2.0 metre) width restriction in the Parishes of Chevening and Riverhead on the following road or lengths of road;

1. Barnfield Road (Riverhead) - for its entire length.
2. Bullfinch Close (Chevening) - for its entire length.
3. Bullfinch Dene (Chevening).
4. Bullfinch Lane (Chevening & Riverhead) - for its entire length.
5. Chesterfield Drive (Chevening) - for its entire length.
6. Chevening Road (Chevening) - for its entire length from Homedean Road in a north-westerly direction to its junction with B2211 Sundridge Road.
7. Chipstead Lane (Chevening & Riverhead) - for its entire length.
8. Chipstead Park (Chevening) - for its entire length.
9. Chipstead Park Close (Chevening) - for its entire length.
10. Darent Close (Chevening) - for its entire length.
11. Elmsted Close (Riverhead) - for its entire length.
12. High Street (Chevening) - for its entire length.
13. Homedean Road (Chevening) - for its entire length.
14. Martins Shaw (Chevening) - for its entire length.
15. Moat Close (Chevening) - for its entire length.
16. Nursery Place (Chevening) - for its entire length.
17. Sandilands (Chevening) - for its entire length.
18. Stanhope Way (Chevening) - for its entire length.
19. The Old Garden (Chevening) - for its entire length.
20. Westerham Road (Chevening) from its junction with the A25 Westerham Road north-westwards to Homedean Road (Chevening).
21. Witches Lane (Chevening & Riverhead) - for its entire length.
22. Woodfields (Chevening) - for its entire length.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation 11th June 2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the Order may be examined at the Offices of Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**RUINS BARN ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of electricity cabling and highway improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne, on or after 6 June 2012, for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Broadoak Road and Cromer Road.

The alternative route is via Broadoak Road, Bottom Pond Road and Cromer Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**VARIOUS ROADS, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway microsurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Margate, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

UNION CRESCENT will be closed on 6 June 2012, between the junctions with Cecil Street and Addington Street

The alternative route is via Addington Street, King Street and Hawley Street

ST JOHN'S STREET / ADDINGTON STREET will be closed on 7 June 2012, between the junctions with Churchfields and Addington Road / Union Crescent.

The alternative route is via Churchfields, Churchfields Place, Hawley Square, Cecil Street, and Union Crescent.

St John's Road will also be closed into the cul-de-sac section and at the junction with Addington Street

The remainder of St John's Road can be reached via the above route, plus Addington Road, Victoria Road and Princes Crescent.

UNION ROW AND PUMP LANE, MARGATE will be closed on 8 June 2012.

The alternative route is via Addington Street, Union Crescent, plus Hawley Street for Union Row.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116
STOPPING UP OF LAND AT PRIESTLEY DRIVE,
TONBRIDGE**

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on Friday 13th July 2012 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Wards Hill Road as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent County Council at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ or Tonbridge Borough Council Offices, Tonbridge Castle, Castle Street, Tonbridge, Kent. TN9 1BG

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge & Malling

**CUCKOO LANE, TONBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of BT cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cuckoo Lane, Tonbridge, on or after 19 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Higham Lane to Hadlow Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Hadlow Road/Cornwallis Avenue, Higham Lane.

**ISMAYS ROAD & COACH ROAD, IGHTHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ismays Road & Coach Road, Ightham, on or after 4 June 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Yew Tree Cottage on Ismays Road and from Old Church House to The Pump House on Coach Road.

The alternative route for Ismays Road is via Back Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road, High Cross Road and for Coach Road is via Pine Tree Lane, Stone Street Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tunbridge Wells

**GIBBET LANE, HORSMONDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway and footway improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gibbet Lane, Horsmonden, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from B2162 Maidstone Road to number 6.

The alternative route is via B2162 Maidstone Road, Furnace Lane.

**District of Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone,
Tonbridge & Malling**

**THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE STREET PARTIES
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
(SPECIAL EVENTS ACT) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A**

Kent County Council gives Notice that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst events are being held on the highway. Kent County Council has made an Order; the effect will be to temporarily prohibit the use of Vehicles on:-

The Broadway, Lamberhurst - from Memorial Hall to junction with the B2100 - 1130hrs to 1700hrs on 3rd June 2012 - diversion via the A21.

B2079 Balcombes Hill, Goudhurst - Junction with A262 High Street to Doctors Surgery - 0900hrs to 1700hrs on 3rd June 2012 - diversion via the A262 and A21.

Teston Road, Offham - adjacent to the village green - 1230hrs to 1730hrs on 3rd June 2012 - diversion via A20 and A228.

A227 The Street, Ightham - entire length - 0900hrs to 1900hrs on 2nd June 2012 - diversion via A25, A225 and B245.

B2010 High Street, Yalding - entire length - 2000hrs to midnight on 4th June 2012 - diversion via Vicarage Lane and Mill Lane.

The Order will become effective on 2nd June 2012. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs in operation.

**John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ**

Dated 3rd June 2012

**For further information, please contact
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THE INTERVIEW

Michael Winslow

Still making all the right noises

THE sound of machine-gun fire scatters the bad guys as Sgt 'Motor Mouth' Jones is victorious once again. But what's that, there was no machine gun? Where on Earth did that noise come from, then?

Very few people of a certain age will be able to deny knowledge of a comedy franchise of films that littered the 80s and early 90s. The Police Academy movies remain a wholly Marmite-type phenomenon – you either loved them or you hated them.

But all cheesy-cop-comedy fans will be delighted to know that 'the one who makes all the noises' is touring the UK this summer.

Michael Winslow, 53, takes his new stand-up show The Man Of 10,000 Voices to the Edinburgh Festival for the second time this year – but not before stops at both The Gulbenkian in Canterbury and the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells later this month.

The star, who has also appeared in films like sci-fi spoof Spaceballs, has been warming up for UK audiences with a brief tour of the Middle East, where we finally caught up with him.

A number of redirected phone calls later, the voice of an over-keen Egyptian fellow welcomed me to the conversation. After a few seconds of awkward silence, Winslow revealed himself – much to my uncomfortable gratitude.

"I've been doing good," he said. "I'm looking around and keeping my ears open – there's a lot going on."

"For me, you would be surprised by what you learn just by listening for a second and letting everybody do their thing. I learn a lot that way."

"This will be my first official tour through the UK. I have done some smaller things and promotional things, but this is my first official thing and everyone has been great."

The decision to try his hand as a comedian was not an obvious first thought for Winslow, despite the obvious appeal of his talents.

"Every so often I wonder if I should be doing this as a job and then people come up to me in the street and make noises at me and I think 'Why not? Maybe I'm having a good effect on people'. When little kids are saying 'Oi mister, can you do this one?' [British accent], I feel I am having a positive effect."

"Even here. This man in Egypt comes up and says 'Hey, you're the machine-gun guy'."

From being homeless in California to touring the UK with his stand-up routine for the first time, the Police Academy star has plenty to tell **Joe Bill**



But it wasn't plain sailing for Winslow as he scabbled around to get his career started back in the 70s. The actor even had to sleep rough for a while as he looked for work.

He said: "I was working at an automotive car-wash where I had to fix robots. That's when I said 'You know what, I would rather be talking to these things than fixing them. Maybe it's time for me to stick my thumb out and give this a try'."

"It was one of those things where you try anything to get into that business – you will sacrifice almost anything to get there. That happened to me and I was homeless in Venice Beach, California, for a while."

"It's an open-boardwalk sort of renaissance place. There were street-performers everywhere and it was strange but magical. Me and the other homeless musicians and performers would stick together and we slept on the roof of a lifeguard tower."

While homeless, Winslow auditioned for The Gong Show, hosted by the idiosyncratic Chuck Barris, bagging a spot that earned him enough

cash to buy a car and some notoriety.

He said: "The big break always comes in pieces. I know of very few overnight successes because it usually takes years. For me it has been in portions. You lift yourself up by your own boot-straps, I guess. A little piece at a time."

He soon moved to LA to perform in comedy clubs and opened for other performers, including jazz legend Count Basie. It was there that he was spotted by producers Hugh Wilson and Paul Manslanski, who immediately wrote him into the script of Police Academy.

"They came to one of my shows and they literally wrote me into the script where my character didn't exist before."

"I didn't know what I wanted to do with my career, but Police Academy put me in the game."

"When good things happen, take it. After the first Academy, I ended up doing some wonderfully odd films, including Mel Brooks's Spaceballs. I was scheduled to be there for two days and ended up staying for three weeks just

watching everybody do what they were doing."

"It was like taking college because I was learning so much. And then after that a few other things popped up and I was just glad to have it and to be working."

It was as a youngster that Winslow developed his skill to imitate noises such as plane engines after being born on an airbase to parents Robert and Verdie.

"I don't know how the noises work – I don't know the scientific equation for it. When you get into the CSI of it, I don't think I actually want to know."

But he could not have predicted how much he would be taken to the hearts of the American people and he especially couldn't have predicted his continued fame in the UK.

"I love it in the UK. I'm a fan of this movie I saw recently called Lock Stock And Two Smoking Barrels. Is everybody in that movie out of their minds? Even Sting is crazy – I loved it. I have a strange sense of humour."

Winslow has already appeared on breakfast TV show Daybreak and sat on a number of comedy panels including ITV4's Celebrity Juice.

"Getting to meet Keith Lemon was fantastic because he was crazy in a completely other direction. He made me work, he made me pay attention. It's all online, it's pretty strange."

With news of an eighth Police Academy film in production, Winslow could be forgiven for getting back on the acting horse and leaving off the comedy circuit, but the stand-up is pretty pleased with the way things are going.

"Now number eight is coming and hopefully we will be back in people's living rooms once again. It should be out in 2013."

"I speak to the Academy guys when possible. Mahoney is doing just fine – he is giving serious consideration to doing stand-up, too. And since he always had comedy timing, I hope he does it."

Despite trying to conduct the interview professionally, I eventually gave in and asked to hear the machine-gun noise, for old time's sake.

The reply? "Hmmm, I'll load it for you, but I won't fire it... this is Egypt, after all!"

■ Michael Winslow plays The Gulbenkian, Canterbury, on Monday, June 18. Tickets are priced at £15 (phone 01227 769076). He is then at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Sunday, June 24. Tickets cost £16 (phone 01892 530613).

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CHRISTIAN lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565**

JUNE good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301**

46YR old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143**

MONIQUE black, looking for N/S gentleman, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391220**

WELL educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136**

BUBBLY female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815**

YOUTHFUL 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771**

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990**

51YR old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916**

SARAH 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912**

AFFABLE serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTm genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. **London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411**

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331**

SENSUAL 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309**

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305**

LOUISE young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389**

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTm mature male for romance 25-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117**

SARAH 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GSOH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097**

DENISE very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093**

SUSAN very pretty curvy blue eyed girlie girl, WLTm genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085**

JACKIE 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013**

JAYNE honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985**

MARIE 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222**

JACKIE late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283**

BERYL 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503**

Hi I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643**

TINA new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625**

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ATTRACTIVE 48yr old lady, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes travel, cooking, working out, seeking loving man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390868**

MICHELLE fit trendy 40's female, no ties, good job, OHAC, fun to be with, looking for honest trustworthy male for friendship, poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389757**

TRUDIE blue eyes, dark hair, solvent, OHAC, enjoys life, spending money, going out, seeking genuine male to enjoy life with and spoil. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389755**

AMANDA honest pretty single mum, 30, big brown eyes, attractive, seeking single male/dad for lots of tlc and companionship. pls call. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389737**

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ATTRACTIVE lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987**

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NIAMH slim attractive female, well travelled and body confident, seeking mature male who can handle a real woman. Or at least thinks he can. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384051**

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DEBBIE slim outgoing approachable attractive lassie, 33yrs, GSOH, sporty, looking for non serious fun male for friendship, maybe more. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387101**

CHARLIE young 37yr old blonde attractive nurse, OHAC, no ties, new to the area and dating scene, looking to find love with genuine available male, 25-42 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387051**

Laura single female 22yrs, blonde, blue eyes, very attractive with curvy figure, WLTm older male for fun times only. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387049**

AMANDA 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733**

SOPHIE lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731**

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653**

JACQUELINE 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539**

ALICE 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107**

MANDY 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555**

Hi I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103**

LISA blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks fun loving, adventurous male, 45-52 for friendship, fun and who knows what else. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389020**

WENDY cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389614**

MARION 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159**

VAL compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no preconceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. **Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383155**

CARIBBEAN young lady, 30, caring, genuine, seeks young Christian gent, 30-40 who is dedicated to God for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386117**

SUSIE tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382163**



DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 8ins, slim, 47, likes gym, cinema, bowling, meals out, concerts, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362**

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JEANETTE big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703**

JENNY very young shy black female looking for reliable, genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374701**

HELLO I'm Jane, attractive, genuine, caring, intelligent, romantic and single at 38yrs, what are you waiting for? **Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677**

GEORGINA likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426**

TANYA 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727**

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JACQUELINE blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137**

TRIXI looking for older respectful gentleman for fun times only. I am bubbly very fun and can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388135**

YVONNE professional 35yr old female looking for someone to relax with, affectionate attractive and looking for same. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388111**

SANDY slim attractive green eyed female, loves romantic walks, animals, WLTm loving caring guy for tactile relationship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388109**

DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337**

SUE young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275**

DEBS 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273**

51YR old lady, seeking fun loving, genuine man for socialising and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389840**

KEELY blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377**

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DARK haired male, slim, seeks female of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391002**

TONY 45, looking for lady, any age/size/looks for evening fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390992**

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SARAH 40's black hair, blue eyes, curvy, outgoing, N/S, likes meals out, cosy nights in, seeking tall, good looking male who loves a laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388626**

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SURREY male, 63, 6ft, slim, OHAC, seeks younger, slim, N/S female, no ties for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388805**

MALE 56, tall, slim, N/S, up for anything, seeks NS female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385045**

GOOD looking fun, friendly, easygoing, sincere male, 46, slim-medium build, hazel eyes, dark hair, nice smile, seeks attractive, caring lady for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385923**

ADE early 40's, 5ft 10ins, medium build, looking for lady for mutual fun and good times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384495**

SINGLE male, 43, likes pubs, clubs, nights in, seeks young lady 25-45. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390876**

YACHT owning male, 52, seeks laughing lady who needs excitement and friendship. **Hants/West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390195**

ROBERT 31, 6ft, blondish hair, blue eyes, fun loving, single, seeking female with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389941**

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DISCREET afternoon fun by the seaside, male 39, good looking, seeks female, 18-60 for afternoon slap and tickle. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390936**

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MARK 36, 5ft 8ins, average build, happy go lucky, GSOH, varied interests, seeks female for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391298**

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LONELY romantic male, 47, medium build, blue eyes, likes walks, animals, music, pubs, seeks loving female, slim-medium build, 28-53 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391244**

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MALE 56, lots of spare time, seeking lady 40 plus to spice up life with uncomplicated friendship. **Tel No: 09**

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Marquis and the neighbours get together to set a gold standard

NO one or nowhere gets to the top of their game by accident. Witness The Marquis At Alkham, the restaurant that has impressed sufficiently far and wide to be awarded a rising Michelin star.

A concerted effort to deliver some of the finest dining in east Kent has entailed combining the talents of head chef Charlie Lakin with quality local produce, and it is paying rich dividend.

Lakin's abilities are now being recognised way beyond Kent's North Downs, among which the Marquis sits, to the point that he was selected to compete in BBC Two's Great British Menu, the show that has pitted some of the country's most gifted chefs against each other in a competition to design a menu celebrating the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The final banquet will be placed before legendary rower Sir Steve Redgrave and a host of other Olympic greats.

And in celebration of that, the Marquis invited a select group of culinary journalists along to taste the excellence of its food for themselves – and indeed sample the menu that secured Lakin his place on the TV contest.

This featured wild rabbit, soused carrots, Douglas fir needles and caper; beetroot-marinated monkfish with cauliflower and sea



KITCHEN KING: Charlie Lakin in his element

radish; fillet and braised blade of Dexter beef, Littlebourne snails, marrow bone and ransoms; and, for dessert, an Earl Grey and strawberry soufflé with gorse-flower ice-cream. A fantastic explosion of taste that made the requisite impression on all present... but not before we had visited nearby Sladden Farm, from where the superb Dexter beef originates.

It is here that the Moomin herd (it all started with 'silly old moo') of pedigree Dexter cattle has residence. At its peak the herd has totalled some 200 animals, but there are only about

half that number now. There are also 600 sheep on the site.

Sladden's high standards of husbandry and animal welfare have doubtless contributed to the herd's excellent bill of health, with no cases of BSE or bovine TB having been contracted.

Interestingly, though, with Irish cattle having no history of developing BSE, the Dexters' Irish origin meant that this disease was never going to be a problem anyway. Still, it's a good record.

Slaughter is carried out just nine miles away. As farmer Diana Smith said: "Eighteen food miles – you can't get much more local than that."

Or indeed as tasty. The whole process is kept as close to home as possible – the butchering is carried out by Lakin, with loins, for example, being hung for 28 days in the farm's cold-room on their return – and geared towards the highest possible standards that can be attained.

The results are hugely impressive, and our assembled gathering had nothing but genuine praise for what is being done at The Marquis At Alkham. Sladden Farm and indeed all those who contribute to this success story. Eat on!

Dave Mairs

■ The Marquis At Alkham, Alkham Valley Road, Alkham CT15 7DF (phone 01304 873410; website www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk)

River boats will change travel in county town

ON Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, Jubilee Briggs was born and given his iconic Christian name.

On his 10th birthday, Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, Briggs started work on the operation of the ferry-crossing service between the Horseyway, by All Saints Church, to the opposite bank of the River Medway, at Lock Meadows.

He operated the ferry from 1897 until the mid-1940s, providing a short-cut from the highly-populated working-class areas to the west side of the town at a cost of one penny.

Now, more than a century on, Greenleaf Leisure is repeating history by launching Jubilee Boats from the same location.

From Friday to Tuesday, June 1-5, families will be able to park at Lockmeadow and cross the Medway on one of the new electric solar shuttle boats for the original price of one penny to enjoy Maidstone on Jubilee weekend.

From then on, a morning and evening shuttleboat service will pick up commuters from Tovil and the 1,000 newly-built flats along the riverbank and take them to Maidstone East and Barracks train stations.

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• For details about other boating trips in the town, visit www.the-barge.co.uk.



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Our destination is Nice, the region's capital, where we spend 3 nights.



Fireworks light up Monaco's Port Hercule harbour

The pinnacle of the weekend is a day spent in neighbouring Monaco, taking in the famous sights including Monte Carlo Casino, Café de Paris and the old city on the Rock of Monaco. Our visit also takes in a spectacular Musical Fireworks display over Port Hercule Harbour.

At the end of the holiday we return to the UK by train from Nice.

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Wake up in a very wild way Roar'n'snore

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POPULAR wild event Roar 'n' Snore will return to the grasslands at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Ashford, for the third year running. Taking place on Saturday, June

9 and Sunday, June 10, Roar 'n' Snore is a family camping event to suit everyone whether it will be your first experience of a night under the stars or you are a seasoned camper. On the Saturday the grasslands will host an evening barbeque after which campers can fall asleep under canvas to the sound of lions roaring in the distance and wake to an untamed and unique dawn chorus of the rumbles, squeaks and growls of the animals at the safari watering hole of Port Lympne. Prices include a barbeque and breakfast.

Green fingers at the ready Garden show

Kent Showground, Detling
Saturday to Tuesday, June 2-5
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www.KentGardenShow.com

WHY not take a potter around the Kent Garden Show this bank-holiday weekend? You can take in the sights and smells of more than 300 exhibits and some of the finest

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Father Ted's star stand-up Ardal O'Hanlon

Merton Farm, Canterbury

Friday to Sunday, July 6-8
Tickets on sale now
www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk

BEST known for playing Father Dougal McGuire in the sitcom Father Ted, Ardal O'Hanlon has confirmed his attendance at this year's Lounge On The Farm festival.

The stand-up comedian played opposite Dermot Morgan in the Irish sitcom that has since become a cult classic.

O'Hanlon has also appeared as Turbo Man in BBC sitcom My Hero as well as regularly featuring on panel shows and playing the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The comic will be joining the likes of Phil Kay, Robin Ince and Terry Alderton at the festival in Merton Farm this year.

Headlining the music list will be The Charlatans, Emilie Sande, The Mystery Jets, Goldie, Roots Manuva and The Milk.

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New murder-mystery play Work it out...

Arden Theatre, Faversham
Thu to Sat, June 7-9
Tickets £12
01795 590008

SIGNED In Blood is the new murder-mystery play created and directed by Faversham writer Brian Booth.

The new show is the 15th that Booth has written and follows the hugely-successful Killer Heels, which was on stage earlier this year.

Set in a West Country hotel in the summer of 1931, a woman's body is discovered, with the only clue she left being two letters, written in her own blood.

Helping the police inspector try to solve the murder is Miss Melchin, who is far brighter than the inspector, and she soon discovers that the hotel's remaining guests and staff are not all telling the truth. Follow the clues, ask the questions and find answers... Tickets cost £12, which includes an individual buffet box served at the interval.

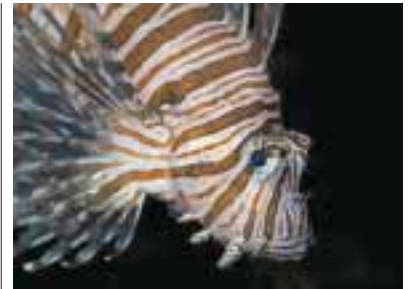


Terrible tales from our past Just horrible!

The Orchard, Dartford
Tue to Sat, June 19-23
01322 220000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

IMAGINE the Spanish Armada firing cannonballs into the audience and Henry VIII getting axe-happy with his wives... well, now you can see it all with the Horrible

Histories theatre tour. The much-loved show now features ground-breaking 3D special effects as well as the chance to watch two astounding shows, Vile Victorians and Terrible Tudors. Learn about the killer king Henry VIII and his daughter evil Elizabeth, and hear the legend of the torturing Tudors. Audiences will have to dodge the rotten railway and prepare for the Charge of the Light Brigade as the Vile Victorians take their turn. Tickets cost between £13 and £17, plus a booking fee.



Dangers of the deep Aquatic predators

Blue Reef Aquarium, Hastings
Saturday to Sunday, June 2-10
01424 718776
www.blureefaquarium.co.uk.

VISITORS to Blue Reef Aquarium will come face to face with the aquatic world's most fearsome predators in a special event. The dangerous beasts range from sharks and poison-tipped lionfish to jellyfish and some of the world's most toxic species of frog. They will also be able to find out more about the aquarium's other potentially-dangerous inhabitants, including electric rays, giant octopus, archerfish, moray eels and puffer fish. Designed to appeal to visitors of all ages, the event includes talks, feeding demonstrations and quizzes. There will also be worksheets and the chance to win a year's free family membership.

The only way is... the pub Al Murray

Quarterhouse, Folkestone
Wed and Thu, June 20-21
01303 858500
www.quarterhouse.co.uk

ONE of the most recognisable faces in British stand-up comedy, Al Murray is bringing his new stand-up show to Folkestone's Quarterhouse for a two-date stop next month.

Best known as his loudmouth alter-ego, The Pub Landlord, Murray has bagged his own TV shows as well as appearances on the panel circuit and a stint in Hell's Kitchen. Never too scared to say what he feels, the man serving the pints is sure to entertain the intimate audience at Quarterhouse with a memorable night. The Only Way Is Epic will see the irrepressible innkeeper serving up his premier brew of ale-inspired acumen and bar-room buffoonery once more. Prepare to laugh...



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Saturday 16th June

7.30pm (gates open 6.30pm)

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MAZDA'S new CX-5 is not just the sporty Japanese marque's first venture into the crossover/compact SUV sector.

It's also a statement of where the company sees its immediate future.

Priced from £21,395, it's the first car to show off Mazda's Skyactiv technology: shorthand for greater production efficiencies, dramatic weight-saving and optimisation of the internal combustion engine to extract most power for the lowest consumption and emissions, with consequent tax benefits for company-car users.

Others have taken the last route already, but Mazda is the first to be honest and say 'Look, we're not ruling out electric, hydrogen or whatever cars from our plans, but these will take a long time to dominate the market. Short-term, we would rather have a decent slice of a big pie than a wee portion cut from a tiddler'.

A subtext here is that this relatively small player would also rather avoid the development costs of such technology now, possibly licensing it later from those who have taken the hit and want to offload some of the debt.

And the CX-5 is a powerful argument for Mazda's no-nonsense stance. That it's also good to drive highlights another point: current electric and hybrid eco cars may lower emissions and fuel consumption, but only the Vauxhall Ampera/Chevrolet Volt is interesting to drive – and I'm not talking pedal-to-the-metal fun here, but simply getting from A to B.

There's nothing radical about the CX-5's styling, mind you. Mazda says the car is the first expression of its new Kodo design language, but it looks a bit Nissan Qashqai-cum-Hyundai ix35, so it's hardly original. It is smart, though, and particularly in fully specc'd-up all-wheel drive mode, from £24,695.

However, the more economical/eco-friendly front-wheel-drive-only models will be the bigger sellers and, while the all-wheel versions feel predictably better planted on twisty roads, keen drivers will still enjoy the 'cooking versions'.

Built-in lightness means the high-riding CX-5 corners with a flat attitude, while ride quality and bump absorption is excellent, but the 165ps (163bhp) 2.0-litre petrol version – the keenly-priced entry model – does not feel quite as settled on-road as the 2.2-litre diesel alternative available in 150ps (148bhp) and 175ps (173bhp) outputs.

It's lively enough, too, but can't match the diesel pair for refinement under pressure.

All come with automatic-engine stop-start for sluggish traffic conditions and are fun to drive, with Mazda going to great pains to give the CX-5 a short-throw manual change worthy of its famous MX-5 roadster. The cabin is spacious and typically well arranged; in functionality and ambience it's very close to one of its obvious rivals, the VW Tiguan, though you get more for your money with the CX-5.



MAZDA CX-5

1ST DRIVE

Price:
£21,395

Driving appeal:

★★★★★

Image:

★★★★★

Space:

★★★★★

Value:

★★★★★

Running costs:

★★★★★

Reliability:

★★★★★

How green?:

★★★★★

Best rival:

VW Tiguan

Mazda looking to the here and now with Skyactiv technology



ALL-NEW MODEL:

Mazda's CX-5 is the Japanese car-maker's first venture into the SUV sector and is also the first of its cars to incorporate the new Skyactiv technology, which aims to reduce weight and emissions

DON'T LIKE

... the lack of cabin character. It all works well, but VW and Skoda have 'functional and plodding' sewn up – more character, please, Mazda

NOT SURE

... the styling is radical enough, either, though the gaping maw of a grille does make the CX-5 stand apart from crossover/SUV lookalikes

REALLY LIKE

... the way Mazda has set out its stall here technology-wise and created an SUV that is well built, nice to drive, flexible and cheap to run

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MOTORING

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Chinese invasion of UK roads is riding in from the Great Wall

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I CAN'T help noting that the first of many Chinese motor brands tipped to invade the UK is named after the Great Wall of China – apparently built to resist invasions.

More worrying, though, is that Great Wall Motors is less than 40 years old and was only allowed to build trucks until 2008 yet has since become China's biggest producer of SUVs.

However, it has chosen one of its other success stories, the Steed pick-up, to establish an invasion beachhead.

With a starting price of just £13,998 for the standard four-door cab, after the usual commercial vehicle-tax deductions, it won't struggle – similarly-equipped rivals cost thousands more.

Apart from that aggressive pricing, it's also shrewd to launch a brand with a pick-up: worries about depreciation with an unknown name can be largely discounted as real-world buyers tend to run them into the ground and then go again.

The Steed certainly looks robust enough to handle workhorse environments like construction or farming, while a large load area plus four-door/five-seat cab means it's versatile, too.

The reinforced cargo bay is 1,380mm long, 1,460mm wide and 480mm deep and the maximum payload is 1,050kg, while the Steed will tow 2,000kg with a 'braked' trailer and 750kg unbraked.

Great Wall claims that the vehicle's gutsy 2.0-litre turbodiesel offers class-leading fuel economy – 34mpg on the official combined cycle – and the lowest insurance rating (from 7A) in the pick-up sector.

When the terrain gets more challenging, the driver can engage the low-range gearbox, as well as 'on demand' four-wheel-drive – the latter at speeds of up to 12mph.

Within the keen pricing, Great Wall includes an astonishing range of standard kit.

The Steed S entry model has 16-inch alloys,

PUTTING IT TO THE TEST... A PROFESSIONAL'S VIEW Mike Gibbs, director of RJ Gibbs & Sons of Aldington, Ashford

■ MIKE'S company – established more than 40 years – is known for its expertise in listed renovations/conversions and sympathetic new-builds and recently appeared on the Channel 4 TV series The Restoration Man.

We reckoned: "Here's a bloke who'll know if the Great Wall's up to the task..."

"Toyota's Hilux was the 'daddy' for so long and I still have an old one, but my four-cab Nissan Navara is tops with me now and won a recent Farmers Weekly group test.

"I looked at the Isuzu Rodeo and VW Amarok before buying the Nissan. The Isuzu was great value, but I knew a new model was on the way. I liked the VW but would have had to wait for ages to get one and it was pricey.

"A pick-up is a good tool for people like me. Obviously it's great to be able to put stuff in the back and move guys around from site to site and even take the family out



at weekends, but it's also about being able to tow gear. And you need serious power and towing capacity to be able to move a digger or other heavy machines.

"The Navara has plenty of both, whereas the Great Wall has less in both areas and feels a bit agricultural on the road – pick-ups have come a long way lately.

"I can't argue with the Great Wall's value, but for someone like me who has to make his pick-up truck work then it's probably not going to stand up to real rough treatment; the leather seats, for instance, don't look as hard-wearing as those on the Navara. "It also looks suspiciously like an old-generation Isuzu."

PULLING POWER: The Steed offers a lot of car for little money, which should attract buyers

remote central locking, Thatcham-approved Category 1 alarm, electric windows, sound system with USB/MP3 and Bluetooth connectivity, steering-wheel audio controls, air-con, heated front seats and full leather interior.

For £2,000 more, the Steed SE flagship gains body-coloured hard-top canopy and spoiler,

extra chrome trim, black roof rails, load bay liner and rear parking sensors.

■ **Just 40 Great Wall dealers have been appointed for now – Kent's is Express Garage at Herne Bay – and the Steed is covered by the industry's standard three-year/ 60,000-mile warranty.**

First GEAR MOTORING NEWS



Roadster has ideal parents

MAZDA and Fiat have teamed up to develop the next-generation MX-5, current car pictured, and a new Alfa Romeo roadster, using the classic rear-wheel-drive layout of the Mazda icon – recent Alfa Spiders have been front-driven.

Both companies stress that the new models will each have their own unique styling and engines, which should please fans of both brands.



'BMW 7' given hybrid option

BMW has announced pricing (from £58,115) for its latest-generation 7 Series, director-level car, due on sale here in September.

Despite its bulk, there will be great emphasis on economy and low emissions, according to the German carmaker, and for the first time a hybrid option: a 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine paired with an electric motor, allowing for electric-only driving at times.



Generation six for the Merc SL

MERCEDES-BENZ has the latest SL roadster arriving this month priced from £72,495.

Great emphasis has been placed on making this new sixth-generation car lighter using mostly aluminium construction – the technique is a first for the German premium marque – as well as good to look at.

The new Mercedes SL is also claimed to be the world's safest roadster.

MOTORING

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Lexus hybrid gets cool new look

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HYBRID powertrains work particularly well on bigger cars.

They are better able to absorb the weight and space taken up by the batteries needed for the electric half of the driving power.

Nowhere has this been proved more effectively than on the Lexus RX SUV, which now sells only in hybrid form; the petrol-only RX version was deleted from the UK sales list several years ago once buyers appreciated the economy and, in the case of company-car user-choosers, tax-efficiency of the hybrid RX.

This spacious, eco-friendly and yet still powerful SUV of the 'you can have your cake and eat it' variety has now had a makeover, becoming the first other Lexus to get the corporate face of the all-new GS executive saloon arriving soon. It also gets a restyled and sharper-looking rear end.

All of which works wonders for the looks of the RX450h line-up generally, and there is also a dynamic-looking F Sport grade model for the first time, too.

But there's more than cosmetics to get excited about: Lexus says the F Sport introduces new handling and ride comfort levels to go with the sporting label, while equipment levels across the range have been boosted above the usual generosity shown by Toyota's luxury brand.

All versions get a much-improved cabin, featuring a new steering wheel, incorporating a

new selector switch for the hybrid system's drive modes, which now include Sport selection.

This modifies the throttle

and electric power-steering settings to gain faster responses and programmes the Vehicle Stability Control system and traction control for less intrusive operation, allow-

ing the driver to fully exploit the car's dynamic abilities.

This plays to the RX's dual-personality strength: on one hand it is that rare beast, an eco-friendly SUV, but both petrol and electric powertrains can also combine to deliver genuine power and performance.

Lest you forget its primary purpose, though, a shift to Sport mode changes the ambient

illumination of the instrument panel from blue to red. New RX prices start at £44,495 for the SE entry model, rising to £55,495 for the Premier flagship model, but it is the £51,995 F Sport, pictured here, that is likely to get all the attention.

Apart from standing apart in the looks department with its deep front bumper and mesh grilles, the spec also includes dark-finish 19-inch alloys, aluminium-effect sports pedals and trim inserts, F Sport smooth leather seats, scuff plates with the Lexus logo in black and a bespoke stitched-leather steering wheel, aircraft-style head-up display and adaptive LED headlights.


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MOTORSPORT

Formula One seat might not be enough to tear Paffett away from beloved DTM

By Greg Miles

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BROMLEY race ace Gary Paffett, like most sportsmen, is ambitious; you only have to glance at his record to find that out.

But he admits that even the dangling golden carrot of a seat in a Formula One car might not be enough to tear him away from the DTM series where he is blazing a trail this season.

The 31-year-old is currently leading the standings in the Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters, and is looking to win his first title since 2005, having also twice been runner-up in the last three years.

He has come close in the past to sealing a deal to drive alongside the stars in motorsport's elite, some of whom now ply their trade staring at his brake lights, and since his 2005 triumph he has worked as a reserve driver for the McLaren F1 team, and so knows what the job entails.

"Obviously I would like to race in F1, but it wouldn't be a disaster if I didn't," he said.

"If the right opportunity came up, certainly I would look at it, the biggest problem I have got is I have got a very good career in DTM. I have got a lot to give up to take a punt.

"Everybody wants to be racing in F1. There are so few seats available, it's about getting the opportunity."

It would be a massive change making the jump into F1 from DTM where he has the relative freedom to travel home between races.

"In F1 you have 20 races a year, you're in a race track, or in an airport, it's the same people," he said.

"You are in a different world to everybody else for ten months. You pop home to get some clean clothes and you're off again."

For now though he is fully focused on delivering a championship-winning drive in his Mercedes as part of the HWA team on the continent.

He said: "It's been amazing, we had a terrific season last year and a lot of change this year.

"We have had new cars and it was all a bit un-

known as to how competitive we would be this season."

And a quick scan of the names he is up against shows no signs of incompetence, with F1 mainstays David Coulthard and Ralf Schumacher, and former World Touring Car champion Andy Priaulx on the list, which is why his start of two wins and a second place has even surprised himself.

"You don't expect that with the level of drivers, it's so close, that string of results doesn't normally happen," he said. "The two F1 stars, David and Ralf have been around a long time, but they are struggling for results in DTM. The level of drivers is as high as it has ever been."

Despite all his years in Germany he is yet to grasp the language, probably not helped by the fact the majority of drivers speak English as their second language.

"It's not great for someone who has spent 11 years in Germany, I couldn't do interviews or speak to the media in German," he said. "Everybody speaks English pretty well, we are quite lucky being English."

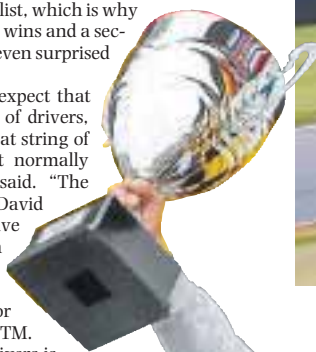
Away from the 100mph track action he keeps things a little more low-key compared to some of his colleagues who have driveways full of petrol-guzzling supercars or motorbikes.

"I'm probably not as big a motorsport fan as some other people," he said. "I'm not a big petrol head."

"I don't have a garage full of fast cars, I keep my racing to the track. When I'm at home I take the kids to school and I don't need a fast car to do that."



Picture: NICK DUNGAN



ON FORM: Paffett leads the standings after impressive start to DTM series



FUTURE: Proposals to improve enjoyment and technique

FOOTBALL

New youth strategy can help budding stars flourish for good of the game

THE biggest shake-up of youth football in decades has been welcomed in Kent.

This week the FA voted in its new youth development proposals at its AGM at Wembley.

It is hoped it will vastly improve the technical skills of youngsters in the game, and take away the win at all costs mentality that exists in some quarters, and bring back a friendly atmosphere.

Essentially it means boys and girls won't be playing 11 v 11 matches until they are in the under 13 age group, with a mandatory 5 v 5 format for under 7s and under 8s, and a 9 v 9 format for under 11s and under 12s all of which will be phased in, in time for the 2014/15 season.

The thought behind it is that the pitch sizes and goals will be more appropriate, and it will give the players more involvement in the game at a younger age instead

of getting lost on a big pitch among big groups of players.

Kent FA hosted one of the 138 roadshows around the country as part of the consultation process last year.

Their county development manager, Darryl Haden, backed the plans, but said there is now a challenge to make sure leagues and clubs are supported with the right facilities and equipment to implement the change.

"It offers a better way of learning for younger players," he said. "It's offering more friendly competition, moving away from that eight-month long season, and splitting it into smaller groups."

"This is the first review of youth football since 1999, it gives us a good opportunity to modernise the game."

He said some leagues and clubs had already adopted the approach, while

others were happy to wait to move into it at the right time.

"Some leagues are jumping ahead and being proactive, and some leagues are waiting and sitting back and seeing how we are doing it," he said.

"The biggest challenge for us is to work with the local authorities, and pitch providers, to make sure we have got all the correct pitches in place."

"We are led to believe that funding will be available."

National development manager at the FA, Nick Levett, was in charge of the consultation around the country. He said: "After 138 roadshows it was fantastic to get the endorsement of the majority of the grassroots football community."

"These changes are a massive step forward for the future of children's football in this country."

MOTORSPORT

Patient Shakey is happy to wait for title showdown

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WINNING is everything for British Superbike star Shane Byrne, but the Sheppey rider has admitted he is a little bit more relaxed about not picking up maximum points from each round this season.

Last year Byrne looked good for the title with a 60 point lead, only to end up as runner up.

It has given the 35-year-old a new perspective on things this term, as although he is disappointed not to win every race, he knows as long as he is picking up points he will be among the title contenders come the end of the season.

"We found out the hard way last year," he said. "It doesn't matter if you lead every single race, it's the showdown rides that matter.

"I want to go out and win every single race, however, I'm a little bit more relaxed now, if I have to take a second or third, it's not the worst case scenario.

"I had a 60 or 70 point lead last year and ended up losing the championship."

He is currently third in the overall standings on 108 points, with Tommy Hill (123) and Josh Brookes (124) ahead of him.

He feels that after a 'bizarre' start where no rider has dominated it will settle down to a four way battle between himself, Hill, Brookes, and Michael Laverty who is fourth with 81 points from the first four rounds.

"I haven't had a particularly strong start to the year, but neither has anybody else," said the Kawasaki rider.



Picture: JON JESSOP PHOTOGRAPHY

EXPERIENCE: Shane 'Shakey' Byrne knows leading isn't everything after last year's disappointment.

"It's bizarre the way it's started, this time last year I had four or five wins. I think everybody that's going to win a race has now won, the only exception maybe would be my team mate Stuart Easton - I might be totally wrong."

He is now off to Spain for some time out, as

well as doing some testing work for Kawasaki's Moto GP team in Catalunya while he is there.

He will also be making an appearance in the support races at the British Moto GP Grand Prix at Silverstone before the next round of the BSB at Knockhill in Scotland on June 20-22.

FOOTBALL

Ward: We aim to put a smile back on people's faces here

IF there's a rebuilding job to be done, then Jim Ward is confident he and his brother Danny are the men to do it.

The pair are looking to bring in as many as ten players at Sittingbourne where they took over last week in a bid to stabilise a side that hovered uncomfortably close to the relegation zone in the Ryman One South last season.

And that job has got off to a good start after a positive meeting with the already thread-bare squad he has inherited.

He has also wasted no time in bringing in his first signing with Simon Pettitt providing a timely boost.

The midfielder joined the side, having previously played under Jim Ward at Ramsgate and Maidstone United earlier in his career.

The experienced 61-year-old Scot is confident Pettitt won't be the last one to come in.

"When I took over at Maidstone we had one player come back that year, and we went on to win the county league, it's not a situation that's new to me," he said.

"The meeting was nothing but



Picture: DAVID STEWART

PROGRESS: Ward happy with start

positive and we are now scouring the county to get another ten players in.

"The players were looking forward to it, they have been through a bad time.

"We are just looking to be better than last year, put the smile back on everybody's faces.

"The committee deserve better after what they have been through the last couple of years.

"They finished third bottom of the table last season, it needs a shake-up, it's not everybody's fault."

FOOTBALL

After having fingers burnt, Turner keeps lips sealed

FAVERSHAM Town boss Ray Turner is keeping his transfer targets safely under wraps as he goes about his summer recruitment drive.

He said he learnt a tough lesson last year when announcing players had signed only for them change their minds before registration forms are signed at the end of June.

He is wary not to repeat that this summer, but has admitted he is on the hunt for new players, while he is still sorting out the future of his current side.

"I'm not being too public about my targets at the moment," he said.

"I learnt last year that it's easy to go public but players can change their minds, they have got to want to play for me and the club.

"I've got a few bits and pieces that I'm looking at.

"I'm starting to sign people up now for next year. We have only really just started to sit down and talk to players.

"I have had meetings the last couple of weeks with players, they have all been quite positive, but



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

OFFER: French may join Whitstable

they have got offers to consider from a number of other clubs as well.

"We need to make sure we get the right players in."

He is waiting to find out whether he needs to bring in a new keeper as Whitstable Town have offered terms to Rob French.

If he does decide to go the Lilywhites would be due compensation because French is under 24.

CRICKET ROUND-UP



Narrow win puts Gore Court top

GORE Court claimed a five run victory over Hayes to put them top of Division Two

They won the toss and decided to bat against Hayes; posting a total of 172 for 7. Hemantha Alles top scored with 52, with Ashley Quayle taking four wickets.

In reply Hayes fell just short on 167 all out, as Rob Slater took six wickets.

In Division Five, Bapchild claimed a winning draw against Blackheath, they won the toss and decided to bat.

Cameron Archbold top scored with 86, while Dylan Lee made a noteworthy 56 as Bapchild reached 218 for 9.

In reply, Blackheath made 201 for 8 with Kevin Owens (56) and Masud Ahmed (57) taking them close to victory.

Ricky Dale was the pick of the Bapchild bowlers with 4-50.

In Division Four, Rodmersham took on Gravesend and had to share the spoils in a losing draw.

Gravesend elected to bat and made 234 for 7, as Ben Sanders took 3-54.

Rodmersham made 208 for 7 in reply with Matthew Gooden hitting 47.

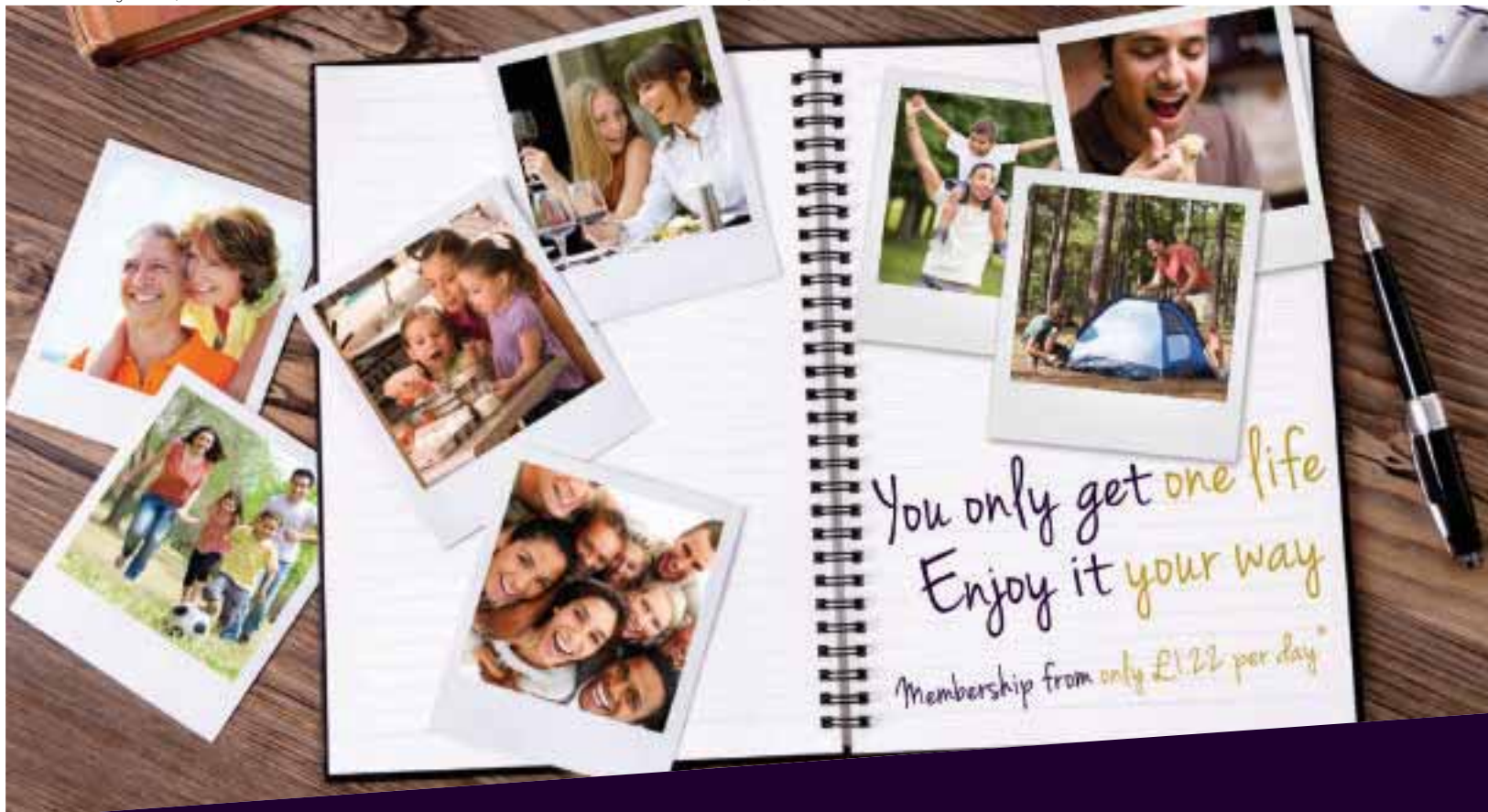
Minster took on Nonington and lost by three wickets after winning the toss and electing to bat first.

Tarique Khan again led the way for Minster with 116 as they made 200 for 9.

But Nonington won with three wickets to spare thanks to 76 runs from Jamie Burrett.

Aidan Cain claimed 3-74, while Virenda Vega took 2-26.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES						
DIVISION TWO						
	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Gore Court.....	4	3	0	0	0	68
Catford and Cyphers.....	4	3	0	0	0	64
Linden Park.....	4	2	0	2	2	52
Bromley Common.....	4	2	0	0	4	48
Upchurch.....	4	2	1	6	4	48
Gravesend.....	4	1	0	2	6	36
Hayes.....	4	0	0	3	7	26
Ashford Town.....	4	0	0	4	5	25
Dartford.....	4	0	0	5	9	22
HSBC.....	4	0	1	4	11	21
DIVISION FOUR						
Sidcup.....	4	2	1	4	3	61
Macknade.....	4	2	0	2	4	50
Nonington.....	4	2	0	1	1	42
Betteshanger Colliery.....	4	1	0	0	4	40
Gravesend RF.....	4	1	1	5	5	40
Minster (Sheppey).....	4	1	0	4	7	39
Rainham (Kent).....	4	1	0	6	4	38
Cowdrey.....	4	1	0	4	4	36
Bexleyheath.....	4	1	0	2	7	33
Rodmersham.....	4	0	0	4	7	27
DIVISION FIVE						
OD CUAOCO.....	4	3	0	0	0	60
Bapchild.....	4	2	1	4	3	53
Offham.....	4	2	0	1	2	47
Chislehurst & West Kent.....	4	1	0	0	3	44
Bromley Town.....	4	1	0	0	2	38
Blackheath.....	4	1	0	4	4	32
Rainham Park.....	4	0	1	4	5	31
R A C S.....	4	1	0	2	3	29
Deal Victoria & BC.....	4	0	0	5	6	19
Wickham Park.....	4	0	0	4	4	16



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